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Member's Official Regalia



To Wear at Meetings

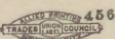
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All movements on the floor while the Court is in session must be at right angles.
2. Plan of a Court room is as shown in Diagram No. 1.
3. The correct placing of the flag at the altar and the proper way to enter are shown in Diagram No. 2 and Diagram No. 13.
4. When visitors who are Past Chief Rangers or higher Officers are announced as such (while the meeting is in session), the Chief Ranger will appoint a Committee to escort them in and introduce them to the members. On entering the meeting (as soon as the door is opened), the Court will be raised and the Welcome Ode sung. The honors are extended by the Chief Ranger saying, "Brothers, you will join me in extending the Supreme (or Grand, as the case may be) honors." The salutation sign is given *after* the address of welcome by the presiding officer. The members and officers remain standing until the visiting officer is escorted to his seat.
5. Senior Woodward will arise and answer to the roll call of officers.
6. The odes as prescribed in the ritual must not be omitted.
7. The Officers are required by law to memorize their respective parts within thirty days after installation.
8. *During initiation, smoking is prohibited.*
9. The official members' regalia must be worn by the members at the meetings.
10. The honors to be extended to a Supreme Court Officer are . . . (No. 18), and to a Grand Court Officer . . . (No. 19), as found in the cipher book.
11. The entire paraphernalia for the proper working of this degree can be procured from the Supreme Court through your Grand Secretary.
12. When the Senior Woodward is placing the banners at the stations and delivering his charge, the officer must stand.
13. The idea or "story" of the initiation is that a recruit is seeking admission into the Foresters of America, which he looks upon as a patriotic, fraternal society. The Junior Beadle is friendly and, to insure his safety, he gives the applicant . . . (No. 1 in the Cipher Book) as a token of the Order.

14. *The Captain of the Guard shall be elected by the members of the Court at each annual election.*

15. In the "long form" of initiation, if there is more than one candidate to be initiated, all but one shall be conducted into and seated in the room at the left of the Lecturer, there to remain until further directed. The ceremony will proceed with the one candidate selected. In the use of the "short form," instructions covering this point are contained in the ceremony.

16. The tableaux should be shown with the room in darkness. Light can be thrown on them by such arrangements as can be worked out to meet the different conditions of the lodge rooms.

17. All Courts, in addition to the books required to maintain the Supreme Court system of bookkeeping, must be equipped with a Beneficiary Book, a Constitution Book, a Visitors Book and official Officers Roll Book.

18. Music, if possible, should accompany all floor movements during initiation; also the floor movements of officers in the regular business of the Court.

19. It is the duty of the Grand Chief Ranger to see that this ritual is strictly observed by every Court, and there must be no additions, alterations or eliminations. It may be exemplified by district teams under the directions of a Supervising Deputy Grand Chief Ranger.

20. The *Junior Beadle* is the custodian of the members' regalia. It is his duty to distribute same among the members before the meeting opens and to hand one to each member before he enters the room while the meeting is in session. He shall also have charge of the initiatory paraphernalia. The *Senior Beadle* will *not* admit any member to the meeting unless he wears a members' regalia.

21. It is the duty of the Senior and Junior Woodwards to distribute the officers' regalia, rituals, etc., and assemble the lodge room equipment for convenient use in opening, conducting and closing the meeting.

22. The marching diagrams are intended only as a guide. They need not be followed if the Captain can improve on the movements of his men.

23. The Guards shall consist of not less than *four* and a Captain, but may be more than four if any Court so desires. The band of Indians shall consist of not less than *three* and a chief. The number may be increased if any Court so desires.

24. The Guards' place in the meeting, when not engaged in the work, is at the left of the Chief Ranger and to the right of the Lecturer. The place for the Drum Corps or Band, if either is used

during initiation, is at the right of the Chief Ranger and at the left of the Past Chief Ranger. Both Guard and Music should occupy the seats on their respective sides, commencing at the head of the room.

25. Every member who enters after the "opening ceremony" must salute the flag in the way prescribed. Members who retire while the meeting is in session must also salute the flag as provided in the instructions. Officers carrying out orders of the Chief Ranger or observing ritualistic requirements, and members who retire temporarily to the anteroom who were either at the opening of the Court or who came in in due form, will observe the following as near as it is humanly possible. (1) Do not pass the flag if it can be avoided. (2) If you are on the right side of the room (looking from the Sub Chief Ranger's station) and desire to go to the other side, cross the room at right angles in front of the Sub Chief and approach the altar for the purpose of "saluting the Chair" on a direct line from the Sub Chief Ranger to the altar. (3) If you have entered in due form or were present at the "opening" and as an officer or member re-entering, cross at right angles in front of the Sub Chief Ranger's station, approach the altar on a direct line and salute the Chief Ranger in the regular way. (4) The purpose of these instructions is to impress our members with the necessity of "saluting the flag" on entering and retiring and not saluting every time of necessity it is passed.

RITUAL

I. OPENING

Senior Woodward will place a gavel and ritual at each station before the meeting is opened and, with the assistance of the Junior Woodward, will distribute the regalia and get the room in readiness for the session.

At the time appointed by the By-Laws of the Court, the Chief Ranger will assume his station and call the meeting to order.

C. R.—★ The officers and members will clothe themselves in the official regalia and the officers will assume their stations. The Junior Woodward will invite all Foresters into the chamber and see that the doors are closed and guarded. The Senior Woodward will approach this station, communicate the pass word, receive same from those present and examine their due receipts.

The Senior and the Junior Woodwards approach the altar together. The Senior Woodward gives the salutation sign—the Junior Woodward the retiring sign. The Junior Woodward then goes to the anteroom, invites all Foresters into the chamber, directs that the doors be locked and guarded, returns to the meeting room and takes a position in front of the station of the Sub Chief Ranger and remains there until the Senior Woodward completes his task of "taking up the password."

The Senior Woodward approaches the Chief Ranger, gives him the password and proceeds to take up the same from the members and to examine their due receipts, beginning with the members at the head of the room at the left of the Chief Ranger. In the event of a member's receipt not being satisfactory, the Senior Woodward will so report to the Chief Ranger. Visiting Brothers will be placed by the Senior Woodward at the altar. When his duties are completed, the Senior Woodward joins the Junior Woodward (*who is waiting in front of the Sub Chief Ranger's station*) and together they proceed to the altar where *both* give salutations together.

J. W.—(*After having given the salutation sign from in front of the altar.*) Worthy Chief Ranger, the doors are properly guarded, the officers wear the official regalia and are at their stations. I have invited all Foresters into the chamber.

C. R.—★ The Senior Woodward will prepare the Court room and those present will observe order.

Each officer whose station is to be draped will arise on the approach of the Senior Woodward, and remain standing until seated by the Chair.

The Senior Woodward secures from his station the banners and proceeds to the altar; gives the salutation sign; and drapes the stations as follows:

He first advances to the Junior Past Chief Ranger and says, as he drapes the station with the banner of Liberty:

S. W.—Liberty: God grant it to those who love and defend it.

He will then advance to the station of the Sub-Chief Ranger, and say, as he drapes the station with the banner of Unity:

S. W.—Unity teaches us the power of harmony.

He will then advance to the station of the Lecturer, and drape the station with the banner of Benevolence.

S. W.—Benevolence is the watchword of our Order. It is the life blood that gives it energy and vitality.

He will then advance to the station of the Chief Ranger, which he drapes with the banner of Concord.

S. W.—Concord unites us in a common obligation and enables us to practice the virtues of Liberty, Unity, and Benevolence.

C. R.—(As S. W. picks up the flag to put it in position.)
★ ★ ★

Flag is placed at the right of the altar (*as the member enters*) as provided in Diagram No. 2. When finished, Senior Woodward's position is in front of the altar.

C. R.—We will sing the first verse of the "Star Spangled Banner."

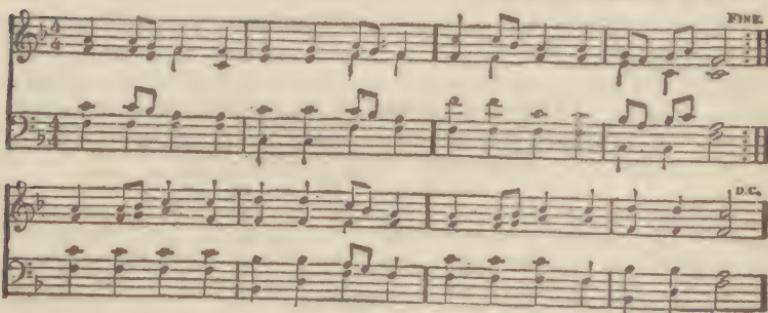
S. W.—(*After having given the salutation sign from in front of the altar.*) Worthy Chief Ranger, I am satisfied that all present are members of this Court (*if there are visitors*) except the Brethren whom I have placed before the altar and whom I now take pleasure in introducing.

The Senior Woodward introduces the Visitors by announcing from their due receipts their names and the names and locations of the Courts of which they are members, and the office, if any, they hold in the Order.

C. R.—(*If visitors are introduced.*) ★★★ We will sing the Welcome Ode.

WELCOME ODE.

Tune—Greenville, 8s & 7s.



1

Welcome, brothers, welcome ever,
To our Court in friendship's name,
Here we greet you kindly, brother,
Trusting you will do the same.
All our hopes are one in union,
All our strength may we unite.
Then let us meet in sweet communion
Ready ever to do right.

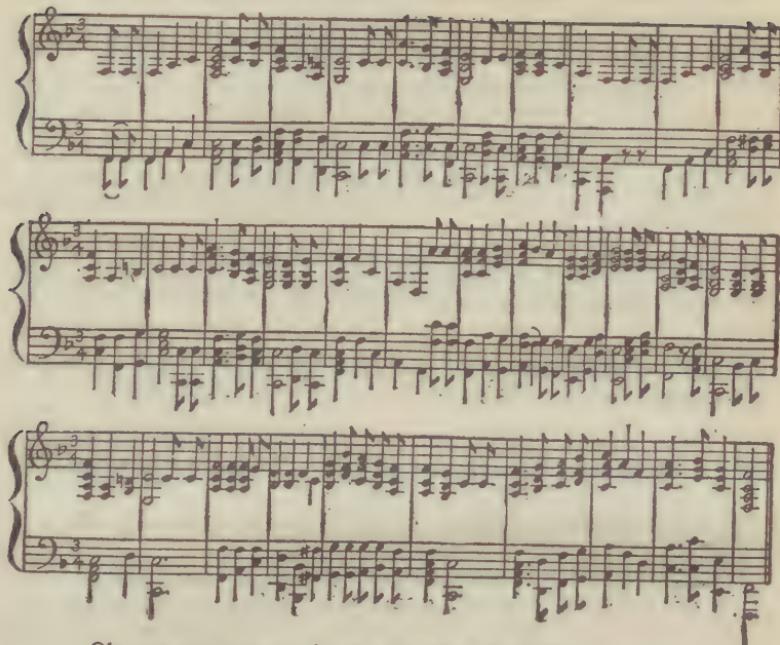
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May our Order always prosper,
Grow in strength and common sense,
Help the sick & at none may suffer,
While we have benevolence.
May our Courts prove always blessings,
To each brother thus afford
Peace instead of want distressing,
While we dwell in sweet Concord.

C. R.—My Brother, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you at this meeting and I hope you will enjoy your visit. We extend fraternal greetings and I cordially invite you to a seat (*among the Brothers or*) on the dais.

After the address of welcome, the visitors give the salutation sign, which is answered by the Chief Ranger. If, among the visitors, there are Past Chief Rangers or higher officers, they will be escorted to seats upon the dais. The Senior Woodward returns to the visitors their due receipts, and assumes his station. The Chief Ranger pauses sufficiently long to permit the visitors to become seated.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.



Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

S. W.—The flag of our Nation is in position. It is the emblem of our Order. Its stars, stripes and colors symbolize our motto—Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord.

After having prepared the Court room by placing the banners and flag as herein directed, the Senior Woodward, from directly in front of the altar.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, all preparations have been made. The Court room is in order.

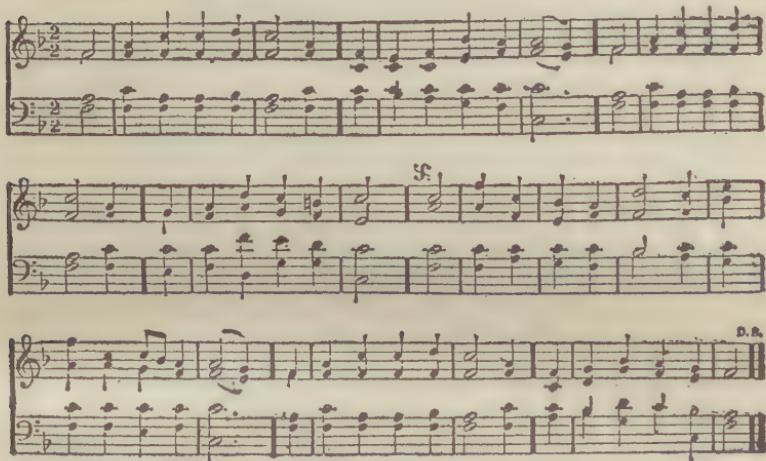
C. R.—You will join me in saluting the flag.

Officers and members do so in hand fashion. *Woodward assumes his station.*

C. R.—My Brothers, let our deliberations be marked by fraternal forbearance and good will. The opening ceremony will be concluded with the singing of the opening ode.

OPENING ODE.

Tune—From Greenland's Icy Mountains.



May every heart be guided,
By wisdom from above;
Our purpose undivided,
A brotherhood of love.
While from our vales and mountains,
And every distant shore,

Shall rise one mighty pæan,
Till time shall be no more.
Then bless our noble Order,
And may it ever stand,
An emblem of true union,
The bulwark of our land.

C. R.—I declare Court.....
No....., in the Grand Jurisdiction of.....
open in due form. Observe the Chair.

Members observe the Chair by giving the salutation sign,
which is returned by the Chief Ranger.

C. R.—★

II. Roll Call of Officers

C. R.—The Recording Secretary will call the roll of officers and note absentees.

The Recording Secretary does so from the Officers Roll Book. Senior Woodward arises and responds. A record is made of the absentees in their respective order.

C. R.—The officers who were absent from the last meeting will now present their excuses.

Officers absent from the last meeting will, in order of their position, be heard and their excuses acted upon.

III. Reading of Minutes

C. R.—The Minutes of the last meeting will be read.

When the Minutes are read.

C. R.—If there are no corrections, the Minutes will stand approved as read.

If corrections are made.

C. R.—The Minutes, having been read and corrected, will stand approved as amended.

IV. Sick and Distressed

C. R.—The officers and Visiting Committee on Sick and Distressed Members will report.

The officers and the Visiting Committee report.

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will announce the names of the members who reported sick since the last meeting.

Financial Secretary does so and states if they are or are not entitled to receive sick benefits.

C. R.—The proper report having been rendered, I now declare the Brothers so reported as being on the funds (*or not on the funds, as the case may be*) of this Court.

C. R.—We will listen to the reading of Physician's Certificates.

The Physician's Certificates will be read.

C. R.—We will listen to the reading of Physician's Reports.

In their proper order, the Officers and Visiting Committee will report and the Physician's Certificates and Reports, if any, will be presented.

C. R.—The report of the Officers and Visiting Com-

mittee will be received and accepted. The Physician's Certificates will be received and referred to the Finance Committee, who will report thereon in the proper order of business. The report of the Physician will be received and recorded in the Minutes.

Finance Committee endorses on the back of the certificates its recommendations together with the amount of sick benefits, if any, to which each member is entitled; and reports under Rule 12.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, have any of our members died since the last meeting?

Financial Secretary reports.

C. R.—My Brothers, it is, indeed, a sad duty we are now called upon to perform; and I fully express your sentiment when I say, "We are grieved because of this death." As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I request that you arise at the sound of the gavel and stand in silence until seated by the Chair.

C. R.—★ ★ ★

C. R.—★ Does any one desire to eulogize the memory of the Brother for whom we have just stood in solemn silence?

A Memorial address may be delivered or any ceremony conducted appropriate to the occasion.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, have any of our members' wives died since the last meeting?

If any of the members' wives died since the last meeting, the Financial Secretary so reports.

C. R.—We are sorry to hear of this death and extend to Brother..... our sincere sympathy. We mourn with him and bow in humble submission to the will of the Master.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, are there any members to be reported off the funds at this meeting?

Financial Secretary reports.

C. R.—Does any Brother know of any other member of this Court who is ill, in distress, or out of employment? If so, he will report now.

If any member (*who has not been reported*) is ill, in distress, out of employment or in need of assistance, it should be reported under this rule.

V. Communications

C. R.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any communications, please read them.

All communications from the Supreme and Grand Court must be read in full and cannot be considered read and ordered filed without actually having been read.

C. R.—What is your pleasure with the communications just read?

If necessary any particular communication may be referred to and acted upon under New Business.

VI. Bills

C. R.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any bills, please present them.

The Recording Secretary reads the bills.

C. R.—The bills just read will be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

VII. Applications for Membership

C. R.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any applications to present, please read them.

The Recording Secretary will read, if there are any, the applications for membership, but may omit the printed part.

C. R.—If any Brother knows of any reason why this application should not be received, he will make known his objection. (*Pauses sufficiently long for objections to be made. If there are no objections*) As many as are in favor of receiving this application will manifest in the usual manner. (*Members vote.*) Those who are opposed will now vote. (*Members vote.*)

If the vote is unfavorable, the Chief Ranger orders the application cancelled and the fee refunded.

C. R.—The application has (*or has not*) been accepted. (*If accepted*): I refer same to the committee on investigation as is required by the laws of the Order.

The Financial Secretary shall take such information as he may require from the application paper, and turn same over to the Investigating Committee.

VIII. Report of Investigating Committee

C. R.—The Report of the Investigating Committee will now be read.

This is done by the Chairman of the Committee, or a member thereof presenting a written report.

C. R.—You have heard the report of the Committee on Investigation. If there are no objections, the report will be received, accepted, and recorded in the Minutes.

If there are any objections to the report's being received, the question shall be referred to the meeting.

IX. Balloting on Candidates

Members who join by Clearance should be inducted into the Court as provided in the ceremony "Welcoming a Clearance Member." Honorary membership is conferred as provided in the ceremony "Induction of Honorary Members." Social membership is conferred in the same way and manner as beneficial membership.

C. R.—Brother Recording Secretary, if there are candidates for beneficial or social membership to be balloted for, you will please announce the name, address, age, and occupation of each one.

Recording Secretary does so.

C. R.—Does any member know of anything which should prevent the admission of this candidate? If so, he will make known his objections.

After a pause to permit of objections,

C. R.—No objection having been made, we will proceed to ballot on the candidate just announced by the

Recording Secretary. The Senior Woodward will prepare the ballot box.

The Senior Woodward proceeds to the altar, in due form, gives the salutation sign, and prepares the ballot box which he presents to the Sub Chief Ranger, then to the Chief Ranger, for inspection; places it on the altar, gives the salutation sign, and takes a position about midway between the altar and his station, facing the Chief Ranger.

C. R.—★ Let me remind you that white balls elect and black ones reject. Be careful in casting your vote. Permit no personal prejudice to sway your judgment; remember that we open our doors to all white men who believe in a Supreme Being, are of good character and of sound health.

In case of more than one candidate,

C. R.—If there are no objections, the ballot will be a collective one. If any member objects to a collective ballot, each candidate will be voted for separately. (*Pauses sufficiently long to permit of objection to a collective ballot. If there are no objections, Chief Ranger continues*) : There being no objections to a collective ballot, you will proceed to vote. The officers, in the order of their rank, will vote first, followed by the members on my left and then by those on my right.

The officers and members in voting will be kept in order by the Senior Woodward stationed half way between the altar and the Sub Chief Ranger's station, who will allow only one to pass him at a time. Before the member votes he will give the salutation sign. After it appears that all have voted,

C. R.—If all who so desire have voted, I shall declare the ballot box closed. (*Pauses.*) And I so order. ★

At least seven votes must be cast to constitute an election.

The Senior Woodward proceeds to the altar, gives the salutation sign, and takes the ballot box for examination to the Sub Chief Ranger, then to the Chief Ranger. After the Chief Ranger has examined the ballot,

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, how do you find the ballot?

S. C. R.—(*Arising.*) I find the ballot clear (*or not clear*).

C. R.—I, too, find the ballot clear (*or not clear, as the case may be*), and declare (*if ballot is clear*) the candidate duly and legally elected to become a member of this Court by initiation.

If four or more black balls or cubes have been cast, the Chief Ranger will immediately order another ballot. If, on the second ballot, four or more black balls or cubes again appear, the Chief Ranger will declare candidate rejected.

X. Initiation—Long Form

C. R.—★ This is our most important order of business for upon it depends the future of the Order. Brother Senior Beadle! is the team ready?

S. B.—(*If the team is ready.*) The Brother in charge informs me that the team is in readiness to proceed and desires admission.

C. R.—You will please admit the team.

S. B.—(*Opening the door.*) Captain! the Chief Ranger orders the team to enter.

Team enters as herein provided.

C. R.—(*As team enters.*) ★★★

The team, on being admitted, marches *twice* around the room and assembles in front of the altar under directions of the Captain.

Captain—(*Addressing team when it has assembled in front of the altar.*) One: (*team, including guards, salute the flag*). Two: (*hands are dropped to the side*). Three: (*entire team gives salutation sign*).

After saluting, the Captain calls, Attention! and under proper "commands" the team again marches around the room. In this last march "once around the room," each chair officer, as he reaches his station, assumes it by dropping out of the line and occupying his place but *remains standing* until seated by the Chief Ranger. The Indians continue on and pass out in the anteroom. The Guard, when dismissed, sit along the side of the room on the left of the Chief Ranger; Band or Drum Corps, if used, will be seated on the side of the room at the right of the Chief Ranger.

C. R.—★ The Senior Woodward will retire, in due form, and ascertain if there are strangers who seek admission.

The Senior Woodward approaches the altar, gives the retiring sign, goes to the anteroom. Upon his return, which is also in due form, he says, while in front of the altar:

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I find in the anteroom a stranger who answers to the name of (*name in full*). He desires admission into our Order and instructions in its mysteries.

Senior Woodward salutes and assumes his station.

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will retire, question the stranger as provided by our laws, and make the necessary collection.

Financial Secretary proceeds to the altar, gives retiring sign, and goes to the anteroom. *While the Financial Secretary is out, the Court may proceed with other business.* Upon returning, which must be in due form, he reports, from in front of the altar, as follows:

F. S.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I have followed your instructions and questioned the stranger. He has answered satisfactorily and has complied with the laws of the Order.

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will assume his station. (*Financial Secretary does so.*) The Senior Beadle will instruct the Junior Beadle to prepare the stranger for initiation.

S. B.—(Opening the door.) Brother Junior Beadle, the Chief Ranger orders that the candidate be prepared for initiation.

J. B.—(From the anteroom.) The orders of the Chief Ranger shall be obeyed.

The Junior Beadle prepares candidate by blindfolding him and placing a "plan of the Court room" in the inside pocket of his coat and . . . (No. 1 in the cipher book) in his outside coat or vest pocket.

S. B.—(From his station, giving salutation sign.) Worthy

Chief Ranger, I have communicated your orders to the Junior Beadle and he reports that the candidate is being prepared.

C. R.—★ We will now prepare for the reception of the candidate; as we cannot overestimate the value of first impressions, let silence be observed. The Senior Beadle will allow no one to enter or leave the room during the initiation. The Junior Woodward will proceed with the preparations.

The Junior Woodward approaches the altar, gives salutation sign, and proceeds with his duties. In preparing the room for initiation, the Junior Woodward will see that . . . (No. 1 in the cipher book) is placed at the station of the Chief Ranger, and that the lights in the room are properly dimmed. This done, the Junior Woodward approaches the altar, gives the salutation sign.

J. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the room is prepared for the ceremony of initiation. (*Assumes his station.*)

C. R.—(*If there are more than one candidate.*) The Senior Beadle will admit all candidates but one and seat them in a line at the left of the Lecturer.

The Senior Beadle admits the candidates and seats them as instructed.

C. R.—The Senior Beadle will indicate to the Junior Beadle that we are in readiness.

The Senior Beadle will give one rap on the door to indicate to the Junior Beadle in the anteroom that all is in readiness. The Junior Beadle will give one rap which will indicate that he is ready with the candidate. The one rap on the door given by the Junior Beadle will be answered by one from within. The Senior Beadle opens the door and the candidate is admitted, escorted by the Junior Beadle. When candidate is safely in the room he is left to his own resources and the Junior Beadle assumes his station. *Soft music, which should stop when the Woodwards seize candidate.* Senior Beadle follows behind candidate to guide him, if necessary. Woodwards rush forward and seize him. Diagram No. 3.

S. W.—Who are you, sir? (*Pauses.*) What is your business in this Forest? (*Pauses.*) Have you no answer to make? (*Pauses.*) Brother Junior Woodward, bind his hands! (*Junior Woodward does so.*) Search him!

Junior Woodward searches him and finds "plan of Court room," which he hands to Senior Woodward, who looks it over and then says:

S. W.—Ha! I believe he is a spy. Let us take him to our Chief.

Candidate is taken in an orderly manner to Chief Ranger. The Woodwards will link arms with him—one on each side.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, as the Junior Woodward and myself were guarding this Court, we saw this stranger. Deeming his actions suspicious, we made him a prisoner. He was unable to explain his presence to our satisfaction, and, on searching him, we found these papers, which appear to be a plan of our Forestdic Court. Believing him to be a spy, we have brought him before you for examination.

Senior Woodward hands "plan of Court room" to Chief Ranger, who, after examination:

C. R.—Sir, such papers as these should be in the hands of none but a most trusted officer of this Court. We are here in this Forest surrounded by enemies who seek our destruction. For our safety, we are compelled to punish the slightest act of treachery by immediate death. The fact of these documents being in your possession proves you an enemy and demands prompt action. I, therefore, order that you be executed as a spy.

S. W.—(Military salute.) Captain, call out the Guard.

Captain—Guard, fall in! Attention!

Proceed, per Diagram No. 4, under military regulations; and, when in front of Sub Chief Ranger's station, Woodwards link arms with candidate:

Captain—Halt!

All halt and face candidate. Senior and Junior Woodwards bind candidate to Sub Chief Ranger's pedestal, after which both Woodwards take their positions as shown in Diagram No. 4.

S. W.—(Giving military salute.) Captain, you may proceed with the execution.

Captain—Guards, attention! Load! Aim! —

J. B.—(*Bursting in the closed door and rushing with raised hands in front of the leveled guns.*) Hold! Before the execution of that sentence, I implore you to listen. Carefully have I watched this stranger, and I am convinced that he comes to us in a friendly spirit and, with a true heart, I see nothing in his actions to denote a spy, but, to the contrary, (*Turns to candidate, takes (No. 1) from his pocket and hands it to the Junior Woodward*) here is evidence of sincerity. The execution of this prisoner would tarnish the fair name of the Foresters of America and I beg that the sentence be reconsidered. Brother Junior Woodward, examine the emblem I have just handed you.

J. W.—(*Does so.*) It is part of the most valued token of our Order. (*Turning to Senior Woodward and handing it to him.*) This should be reported to our Chief.

S. W.—I will do so. Remain here and guard the prisoner.

Captain—Guards; recover; arms!

Senior Woodward returns to Chief Ranger.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, upon the person of the prisoner condemned to death was found this token. Deeming it of importance, we stayed the execution until the fact could be reported to you.

Hands token to Chief Ranger.

C. R.—This is, indeed, important, and you did well to report it. I fear we have condemned him too hastily. Present the prisoner before me for further examination.

Senior Woodward returns to prisoner.

S. W.—(*Military salute.*) Captain, the Chief Ranger orders the prisoner returned to him.

Face as per Diagram No. 5 and march to position in front of Chief Ranger. Woodwards link arms with candidate.

Captain—Halt!

Halt and right face. Guards fall back.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I again present the prisoner.

C. R.—Sir, was this token which was found on your person given you by a friend?

*Candidate—(Prompted by Senior Woodward.) It was.
(Hoodwink removed.)*

Chief Ranger takes (No. 1) from his pocket, and, joining the two, holds same up to view forming (No. 2). Light on station of Chief Ranger.

C. R.—Brothers, this is the symbolic emblem of our Forensic Circle. Some time ago, the Junior Beadle gave me this half (*holding up half of circle*), saying that he had entrusted the other half (*holding up the other half*) to one whose zeal for liberty and fidelity to Forestry had moved him to seek membership in our Court. (*To candidate, joining the two halves and holding circle in view.*) This proves that you are not a spy, but one who, revering his country and loving his fellow-man, seeks companionship in the Foresters of America. (*Puts circle on pedestal.*) The token found upon your person is emblematic of our Order and is intended to show that all over the nation our members are working for a common cause. Let the experience through which you have just passed be a lesson to you never to judge too hastily of a brother's action, or be guided by external appearances alone. What do you now most desire?

Candidate—(Prompted by Senior Woodward.) Liberty.

C. R.—★ Let him be restored to liberty.

The candidate is restored to liberty by being unbound.

Tableau of Liberty shown from a position half way between the altar and the Sub Chief Ranger's station. Diagram No. 6.

Candidate is faced to the tableau.

P. C. R.—You behold here an exemplification of the spirit that made it possible for you to enjoy the priceless boon of liberty. We are not the first to exemplify or proclaim this principle. In the dark hours of the Revolution, when Liberty had been driven from every American home, Brother greeted Brother in the silent Forest and with clasped hands pledged their lives that America

should be free. In 1780 Marion, dauntless even in defeat, called his men together in the secret shades of the Forest, and thus addressed them: "I consider my life but a moment; but to fill that moment with duty is my all. To-day I am a lover, and Liberty is my sweetheart. To guard my country is my greatest duty. I am resolved that while I live, my country shall never be enslaved."

All—Never.

P. C. R.—Sir, Liberty has as serious a meaning today as it had among our fellow Foresters of old. Only those who follow Liberty's star can enter here. Then stand by the flag; by the red, white and blue! Each color has its history, each stripe its significance, and each star its story. The red, ardent desire: an ardent desire to see our country prosper and liberty proclaimed to every people. The white, purity and humility: pure is our love of brotherhood and country. The blue, faithfulness and fidelity: be faithful to the flag and to the fraternity.

Members representing tableau will march once or twice around the room playing, or to the music of "Yankee Doodle," and then retire. Music to be continued until characters are in the anteroom and dies away as if lost in the distance.

C. R.—We will sing the first verse of the initiation ode. ★★★

INITIATION ODE.

Tune—America.

A musical score for the Initiation Ode. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/4 time signature. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. Both staves feature a series of eighth-note chords.

1 Brothers! attention keep,
Whilst our Most Worthy Chief
Gives you the charge.
Bonds of Society;
Friendship and Sympathy;
Honor and Secrecy,
Let all unite.

2 Brothers! have naught to fear
True Honor's court is here.
Love! Truth and Joy.
Benevolence here abounds,
Concord our evening crowns,
Whilst every heart resounds,
God bless our cause.

C. R.—★ Brother Senior Woodward, conduct the candidate to a position in front of the altar.

S. W.—(*Military salute.*) Captain, escort us to the altar.

Guards step forward to bring them to original position.

Captain—Left face! Forward, march!

Proceed per Diagram No. 7 (*seated candidates, if any, will fall in*) and take position about altar. Chief Ranger steps down to a position half-way between his station and the altar and addresses candidates.

C. R.—My friend, you are approaching the privilege of membership in the Foresters of America—an institution founded on the principle of Benevolence. It affords friendly and social intercourse, bestows enduring friendship, and is established to provide relief in sickness, burial at death, and to inspire its members with a proper recognition of the stern realities of life. Before going further, you are required to give this Court an assurance that you will comply with the laws and purposes of the Order by taking a solemn obligation. This obligation we have all taken and it will in no way conflict with your duty to your God; our country; your neighbor; or yourself. Are you willing to proceed?

Candidate answers.

C. R.—Brother Senior Woodward, you will place the candidate in proper position.

Senior Woodward does so, which is . . . (No. 3 in cipher book). If there are more than one the others will place their left hand over their heart and their right hand on the shoulder of the candidate at their right.

S. C. R.—★ ★ ★

C. R.—(To candidate): You will repeat your name and say after me, in a loud, clear voice so all may hear: I,....., (Chief Ranger does not use his name, but pauses to allow candidate to use his own name), of my own free will and accord—do most sincerely—promise and declare—that I will—faithfully abide—by the laws,—rules—and regulations—of the Supreme Court,—Grand Court—and of this Court—of the

Foresters of America—as are now in force—or as they may be—hereafter enacted—or amended—and that I will—to the best of my ability—live up—to the principles—of this Order. I will never communicate—to any person or persons—not entitled—to a knowledge thereof—in any way—any of the secret work—of the Order. I will regard all—that transpires—in the meetings—of this Court—or any other—with which I may—hereafter affiliate—as sacredly confidential—and will not—impart the same—to any person—not entitled—to know thereof. I will never wrong a Brother—and will—respect his family—as though it were—my own. I will—to the extent of my ability—aid a Brother in distress—and assist—the widows and orphans—of deceased Brothers. I will—so far as I am able—attend the meetings of this Court—and do everything—in my power—to promote—its welfare. I make this pledge—on the honor of a man—who respects—the value of truth—and it shall—be binding on me—as long as life shall last.

The Senior Woodward will instruct the candidate to resume his former position.

C. R.—(*Returns to his station.*) We will sing the second verse of the initiation ode.

INITIATION ODE.

Tune—America.

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth-note chords. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth-note chords.

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Benevolence here abounds,
Concord our evening crowns,
Whilst every heart resounds,
God bless our cause.

C. R.—★ Brother Senior Woodward, you will present our Brother to the Sub Chief Ranger.

If there is more than one candidate the others will be escorted to their seats at the place provided in the instructions.

Senior Woodward turns to Captain.

S. W.—(Military salute.) Captain, dismiss the guard!

Captain—(Remaining in his position.) Guard front. (*Guard faces Chief Ranger.*) Forward, march! (*Execute march per Diagram No. 8, and is seated.*)

When Guard is seated, Senior and Junior Woodwards step to either side of candidate, still facing Chief Ranger. All three about face and, in a straight line, follow the center of the room to the station of the Sub Chief Ranger, where they will be halted at the sound of the gavel.

S. W.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, by direction of the Chief Ranger, I present this Brother who has taken the obligation of a Forester of America.

S. C. R.—My Brother, the obligation you have just taken will not make of you a Forester unless you live and act as a Forester. The true Forester looks beyond the outward appearance of its forms and ceremonies to the eternal spirit of brotherhood which links, in the golden chain of our expanding sympathy, heart with heart and hand with hand.

Tableau of Unity shown from a position half way between the altar and the Chief Ranger's station. Diagram No. 9. Blue character to the right of the Chief Ranger and gray to the left.

Candidate faces Chief Ranger's station.

S. C. R.—The unity exemplified by the scene before you applies just as forcibly to fraternal institutions as it does to nations. If we are a unit in proclaiming our principles, we will merit the confidence of our fellow men. It is not sufficient to merely declare our loyalty to the lessons we have learned, but we must, by our every act, whether in private or public life, demonstrate to the world that we have profited by membership in the Foresters of America. We must be a unit in our opposition to all that is wrong. We must be a unit in our endeavor to uplift mankind. We must be a unit in our

desire to improve ourselves and those dear to us, and, at the same time, ever ready to aid and guide an erring brother, so that he may return to the paths of rectitude. And so, I welcome you as one who will soon become a link in that great chain that unites our brotherhood from one end of this nation to the other. And as a chain is only as strong as the weakest link therein, may you ever be found steadfast and true, clad in the armor of righteousness, strong in your loyalty to our Order, and ever ready to discharge your duties to your fellow men with forbearance, charity and good will. Take this lesson to your heart and pass on.

Members forming tableau retire.

The Senior and Junior Woodwards conduct candidate to the station of the Lecturer, where he will be halted at the sound of the gavel.

S. W.—Brother Lecturer, by direction of the Sub Chief Ranger, I present this Brother.

Lecturer—My Brother, you have now arrived at the third station in our Order, representing Benevolence.

Benevolence tableau shown on the floor, in front of, but to the right, of the Past Chief Ranger's station so view will not be obstructed by the altar. Diagram No. 10. Head of character on stretcher towards station of Sub Chief Ranger; stretcher placed at an angle of about two feet; face of Samaritan and angle of stretcher towards Lecturer.

Candidate faces Past Chief Ranger's station.

Lecturer—The scene before you is to teach us the lesson that we must not live for ourselves alone. The man who is blind to the misery of his fellow man, who is indifferent to the sufferings of his neighbor, who is so wrapped up in self that he sees not the afflicted by the wayside, and, if perchance he sees, passes on with no kind word on his lip or comforting look in his eye, that man is as though he had never lived at all. While the man in whose heart fraternal love reigns supreme, he shall live forever. His deeds shall be inscribed not on the shifting sands of time, but engraven on imperishable marble, an everlasting monument to the God-given Charity and Benevolence with which he was inspired. The Woodwards will conduct you to the station of the Chief Ranger.

The Woodwards will conduct the candidate to the station of the Chief Ranger, where he will be halted at the sound of the gavel.

Members forming tableau retire.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, by direction of the Lecturer, I present this Brother for further instruction.

Tableau of Concord shown from position half-way between altar and the Sub Chief Ranger's station. Diagram No. 11. Candidate faces Sub Chief Ranger. Blue character will be at the right of the Chief Ranger and gray at the left. Each character will stand about five feet from the flag and directly opposite; side face of each character towards the Chief Ranger and Sub Chief Ranger respectively. Each character will look directly at the flag.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ (“Star Spangled Banner” is played and started immediately on the third rap of the gavel. No other music or ceremony permitted. As soon as the “Star Spangled Banner” is finished the Chief Ranger immediately proceeds.) My Brother, from Liberty, Unity and Benevolence we have Concord, which is represented by this station and the scene before you. The starry flag of our country typifies in no uncertain terms the principles of our Order. Many times has that banner, midst shot and shell, been held aloft by the youth and gray haired of our people. Fathers have left wives and little ones; sons have wandered from parents' side; and youths, scarce grown to manhood, have left weeping mothers to offer up their lives for the Liberty we are today enjoying. Let us, therefore, be loyal to our flag and may patriotism ever find an abiding place in our hearts. May we be proud, in contemplation of our country's glorious past, and let our souls expand in prayer for a glorious future. If you will consider the lessons taught tonight, every tender sentiment of the human soul will find an abiding place in you; your heart will be filled with generous impulses; and you will be imbued with lofty inspirations that shall lead you as near the goal of human perfection as man may ever hope to reach. You will now be conducted to the anteroom and, upon your return, you will be further instructed. ★

Senior Woodward, candidate, and Junior Woodward right face and candidate is escorted to the anteroom, Junior Woodward takes his seat as he reaches his station. *Members forming tableau retire.*

The lights will be continued low. The altar will be temporarily removed. The Guard will be seated to the left of the Chief Ranger. Indians will assemble in anteroom. Everything being ready, the Senior Beadle will open the door, and, without ceremony, admit the Senior Woodward and candidate, who will enter and slowly make their way around the room per Diagram No. 12, Indian chief will follow in scout work. As they move along, Senior Woodward will say:

S. W.—It is thus you will make your journey through life. You will find that it is not all sunshine, but that it has its dark days and times of discouragement, when you will need the guiding hand and help of others. As adversity comes to you, so will it come to your Brother, and you should never forget that, in such straits, he has a claim upon your sympathy. You are now nearing the end of your journey, for the headquarters of our Foreestic Court is close at hand; but do not cease your vigilance, for dangers are often nearest when least expected.

Senior Woodward should graduate his walk so that he is now at position 6, 7, Diagram No. 12. At this time the Chief will have returned and called the Indians to battle. They will with war-whoop and yell, rush from anteroom, deploy, and struggle towards Chief Ranger's station. The Guard charges the Indians and meets them at position marked "Conflict" on diagram. A sharp battle occurs, during which Indians are gradually driven into anteroom, Guard following. As Indians retreat, one of their number is left lying on the floor, as shown by "W. I." (*head towards station of Recording Secretary, which throws the body at an angle*), Diagram No. 12, apparently very badly wounded. As soon as Indians and Guard pass into anteroom, Sub Chief Ranger immediately goes to wounded Indian, and stands on side nearest Chief Ranger, looking at Indian. At this moment, the Guard comes rushing in from anteroom, shouting, "Kill him! Kill him!" Before they can touch wounded Indian, the Sub Chief Ranger, advancing a step or two, lifting his hands, says:

S. C. R.—Peace! Let no mad revel of vengeance ever stain a Forester's victory over a fallen foe. In the hour of his proudest triumph, let him never refuse to dip his colors to the sceptre of Benevolence. And, in his daily battles, let him never forget that the standard of human life is not raised by the pressure of brute forces, but by the application of those graces of Benevolence with which the world's Samaritans have crowned the top. The throne of Benevolence is not pillared on bayonets of steel, and her grandest victories sound no heralding trumpets; yet, where are the people that do not pay her

tribute, or the nation that knows not her power? She binds her votaries in bonds of sympathy, and the cords of their union throb with a common impulse the world over and all the time. She lifts the clouds from the horizon of our lives, shows the world in brighter colors, and makes it a better place in which to live. She sends her followers to dry the tear and put a smile in its stead; and, squaring their lives by the Golden Rule of human conduct, she helps them to rear a noble structure, strong enough to last through all the ages, and large enough to shelter all mankind.

Here a member, clad in Samaritan costume, will silently slip through to the wounded Indian, and, raising his head, press water from a canteen to his lips, and instantly the Sub Chief Ranger, pointing to the spectacle, will continue:

S. C. R.—Sometimes, like a ministering angel, she comes to press the cooling cup to the lips of the wounded, caring not for his name or station, or the cause for which he fell. Then, honor to the principles that make us one!

The Guards kneel on one knee, and the Sub Chief Ranger, taking canteen, raises it above his head and says:

S. C. R.—Brothers, here's to Friendship in marble, and Enmity in dust; and may Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord ever hold sway in Courts of Foresters!

When Sub Chief Ranger has finished, lights are turned up. Senior and Junior Woodwards conduct candidate to Past Chief Ranger. Guards place Indian on stretcher, remove him to ante-room and return immediately in military fashion. Guards need not "salute" on returning.

Candidate is halted at Past Chief Ranger's station at the sound of the gavel.

S. W.—Worthy Past Chief Ranger, I present this Brother to be instructed in our secret work.

P. C. R.—My Brother, the lessons of this evening teach us to regard the great family of mankind as our brethren and to improve the conditions of humanity. To reach the full measure of your responsibilities of membership, you must be of pure heart and clean hands, constant in attendance at every meeting, and diligent in the discharge of every duty. Accept such preferment as may

be conferred upon you, and be animated by the true principles of Forestry, so your life and conduct may be no reproach to the Brother whose confidence has made you one of us. Let us, as an Order, direct every energy to the preservation of peace in our midst, and, relying upon the truth of our principles, carry out, in all its fullness and glory, our divine motto, "Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord."

I will now instruct you in the secret work. Desiring admission to your Court, you will, upon approaching the outer door, give (No. 4), which will be answered by the Junior Beadle's raising the wicket or opening the door, to whom you will present your due receipt and give, in a low whisper, the password, which is If satisfied, he will permit you to enter the anteroom where you will clothe yourself with a member's regalia. The Junior Beadle will advance to the inner door and give this alarm (No. 6), which will be answered by the Senior Beadle with (No. 7). The wicket will be opened and you will be announced to the Senior Beadle, who will admit you. Upon entering, you will walk in a line parallel with the length of the room until opposite the altar; then you will wheel at right angles. As you approach the altar you will observe the American Flag, before which you will stop and salute in this fashion (*exemplifies hand salute*), after which you will proceed to the center of the altar, from which point you will attract the attention of the Chief Ranger by saying, "Worthy Chief Ranger," and make this sign (No. 8), which is known as the *Salutation Sign*. The Chief Ranger will answer you with the countersign, which is (No. 9). You will then be seated. The proper way to enter will now be shown you. (*Pauses until this is done.*) We require respect to the flag upon entering the meeting and due respect paid it when leaving. Officers executing orders or carrying out ritualistic requirements or members who retire temporarily are guided by the general rule which govern their movements. This rule does not require a salute to the flag every time it is passed. Should you desire to visit a Court other than the one of which you are a member, you will, after gaining admittance to the anteroom, be asked to sign your name in the Visitors'

Book. The Junior Beadle will then compare the signature on the margin of your due receipt with your signature in the book, and, if satisfied, he will announce you to the Senior Beadle, and you will be admitted. If the Junior Beadle is in doubt, he will report to the Chief Ranger that you desire admission but he is not satisfied as to your right to enter. The Chief Ranger will then appoint a committee which will, by examination, ascertain if you are a member of the Order and rightfully in possession of the due receipt. From these instructions, you will observe how necessary it is to have the due receipt with you and be in good standing. On desiring to speak, you will do so by arising in your place, attracting the attention of the Chief Ranger by saying, "Worthy Chief Ranger." Upon being recognized, you will proceed with what you have to say. Members are not permitted to cross from one side of the Court room to the other without first passing in front of the altar and giving the Salutation Sign. When the entrance is at the left of the Sub Chief Ranger, members coming in while the Court is in session are permitted to cross the room in front of the Sub Chief Ranger so they can properly approach the flag. The voting sign is the uplifted right hand, palm out, elevation on a line with the eyes. If in distress and desiring assistance, you will present yourself to the nearest Court of the Order; prove yourself a member; and make known your mission. Your needs, whenever possible, will be readily granted. To prove yourself a Forester, you will be required to pass an examination. Therefore, pay strict attention to the following dialogue between the Chief Ranger and myself. His answers will be yours when put to that test.

P. C. R.	(10)
C. R.	(11)
P. C. R.	(12)
C. R.	(13)
P. C. R.	(14)
C. R.	(15)

Wishing to retire while the Court is in session, you will approach the altar at right angles and use this sign . . . (No. 16). You will be answered by the Chief

Ranger with this sign (No. 17), indicating, "My mouth is closed in secrecy." You will then step in front of the flag, salute this way (*hand salute*), and retire at right angles. On approaching the altar to give the retiring sign you must not pass directly in front of the flag. I will now acquaint you with the use of the gavel. One ★ rap calls the members to order or seats them when standing; two ★★ raps calls the officers to a standing position; three ★★★ raps means that all must arise; four ★★★★ raps announces the entrance of a high official; one ★ rap seats all. With the instructions you have now received you should not experience any difficulty in proving yourself a member of the Order and showing that you are entitled to its privileges and benefits. The Woodwards will now conduct you to the Chief Ranger.

Candidate will be escorted to the station of the Chief Ranger, where he will be halted at the sound of the gavel.

C. R.—My Brother, with membership in this Order, you have certain duties to perform before you can claim the full benefit of a true fraternity. A man cannot be a good member of an organization unless he knows and understands the obligations he owes society. If one has no friends to share or rejoice in his success in life, if one cannot look back to those to whom he owes gratitude or forward to those to whom he owes protection, it is nonetheless incumbent upon him to move steadily in the path of duty. One's best efforts are due not only to society, but in humble gratitude, to the Creator who made him a member of society with powers to serve one's self and others. We receive you as a member (*shake hands*); you are among friends; and we hope you will continue to merit our confidence. You must acquaint yourself with the rules, regulations and laws of the Order, as from the time of your admission, you are bound by them as they now exist or as they may be hereafter enacted or amended; and it will be necessary that you attend the meetings regularly. We believe that you sought admittance from lofty motives and that you are sincere in your intentions to become a regular and helpful member. The Senior Woodward will give you a copy of the by-laws of this Court, and the laws of the Grand and Supreme

Courts. (*Senior Woodward hands candidate a copy of the laws herein mentioned.*) And you will be expected to familiarize yourself with their provisions. You will now be conducted to the Financial Secretary, where you will sign the "Constitution Book" and designate your beneficiary, record of which will be entered in a book provided by the Order for that purpose; after which you will stand at ease in front of this station for a fraternal welcome.

Senior Woodward conducts candidate to the station of the Financial Secretary, who reads, so all may hear, the agreement printed in the Constitution Book, and asks the candidate if he agrees to same. If an affirmative answer is given, the candidate is requested to sign (*which must be witnessed by the Financial Secretary*). He is then asked to designate his beneficiary in and sign the Beneficiary Book, after which he is conducted to the station of the Chief Ranger, facing the members.

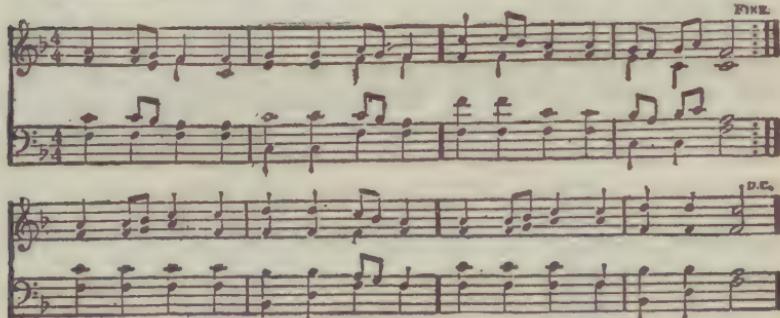
F. S.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Brother has signed the Constitution Book and designated his beneficiary.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ Brothers, join with me in singing the Welcome Ode and in extending congratulations.

During the singing, members of the team, only, pass in front of the candidate and extend congratulations.

WELCOME ODE.

Tune—Greenville, 8s & 7s.



1
Welcome, brothers, welcome ever,
To our Court in friendship's name,
Here we greet you kindly, brother,
Trusting you will do the same.
All our hopes are one in union,
All our strength may we unite.
Then let us meet in sweet communion
Ready ever to do right.

2
May our Order always prosper,
Grow in strength and common sense,
Help the sick that none may suffer,
While we have benevolence.
May our Courts prove always blessings,
To each brother thus afford
Peace instead of want distressing,
While we dwell in sweet Concord.

C. R.—It is now my pleasure to clothe you with an official member's regalia which all members must wear while the Court is in session.

Pins a member's regalia on the coat of the new member.

C. R.—★ The ceremony of initiation having been concluded, our newly initiated Brother may now be seated. The team will retire. ★★★

Team does so by "picking up" the officers and members in the same way and manner as they were placed on entering and assemble in front of the altar. When in proper position:

Captain—(*Addressing team.*) One! (*Entire team gives retiring sign.*) Two! (*Entire team salutes the flag.*) Three! (*Hands are dropped to the side.*)

XI. Reports of Special Committees

C. R.—Is there any special committee to report this evening?

The reports will be submitted and acted upon.

XII. Reports of Standing Committees

Finance Committee and Auditing Committee will report under this rule.

C. R.—Are there any Standing Committees to report?

Reports will be submitted and acted upon.

XIII. Unfinished Business

C. R.—Is there any unfinished business?

Business referred to this rule will be submitted and acted upon.

XIV. New Members

C. R.—If any member cares to suggest an eligible applicant for membership his name and address can be handed me now.

The names handed in will be referred to an *active* committee of three whose duty it shall be to visit the prospects and, if eligible,

invite them to become members. The Chief Ranger must insist upon a report from this committee at the meeting following its appointment.

XV. Branches of the Order

C. R.—We recognize as branches of our Order the Shepherds of America, the Knights of the Sherwood Forest and the Companions of the Forest of America. All three of these are splendid auxiliaries, and in their respective scope they are doing good. The Shepherds of America deserve your support. The Knights of the Sherwood Forest is the uniform branch. The Companions of the Forest of America is the women's auxiliary. Has anyone anything to say on this subject?

Members may be heard.

XVI. New Business

C. R.—★ The Recording Secretary will present such matters as were referred to this rule, after which the Brothers may offer New Business.

Nominations, elections and installation first in order. All matters referred to New Business shall be presented and acted upon. Committees provided by law must be appointed and amalgamation and merger ceremony, electing and welcoming a clearance member, elsewhere provided, is conducted under this rule.

XVII. Good of the Order

C. R.—The Lecturer will proceed with his program.

The Lecturer proceeds with such entertainment as he has prepared. Chief Ranger remains at his station and, as Chief Ranger, is in charge of the meeting.

XVIII. Report of Financial Secretary and Treasurer

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will announce the receipts and disbursements of the evening.

Financial Secretary does so.

C. R.—The Treasurer will read his statement.

Treasurer does so and hands report to the Recording Secretary.

C. R.—The Treasurer will hand me the bank books.

Treasurer does so.

C. R.—★ You will give attention while I announce, from the bank books, the deposits since the last meeting. The Recording Secretary will enter into the minutes, both the date and amount of each deposit.

Chief Ranger reads from the bank books date and amount of each deposit since the last meeting. The deposits must be made within the time provided in the laws. He then returns the bank books to the Treasurer.

XIX. Preclusions

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, are there any members who stand precluded for non-payment of dues?

The Financial Secretary gives list to Chief Ranger, who reads names, declares them precluded, and hands list to the Recording Secretary.

XX. Closing

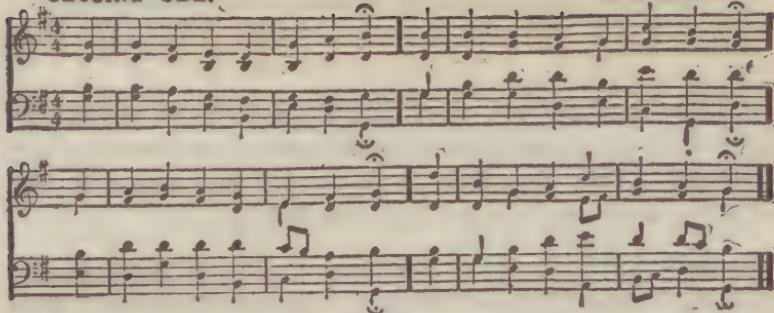
C. R.—★ The Senior and Junior Woodwards will please collect the members' regalia and deliver same to the Junior Beadle. (*Woodwards do so.*)

S. W.—(*From his station.*) Worthy Chief Ranger, the members' regalia have been collected and delivered to the Junior Beadle.

C. R.—Has any matter of importance been overlooked? (*Pauses.*) If not, we will proceed to close. Before doing so, let me again remind you to refrain from discussing the business of this Court within the hearing of strangers. May peace, happiness and prosperity attend you. We will sing the Closing Ode. ★★★

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE—Old Hundred.



¹
Good night! and may we ever part
In body single, one in heart;
Each holding with integrity,
True principles of Forestry.

²
Good night! and may our spirits rest,
By no unkindly thought oppressed;
But with a happy consciousness,
Of an approving Providence.

C. R.—Brothers, you will join with me in giving the retiring sign (16).

Officers and members do so.

C. R.—Join with me in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

All come to a hand salute.

C. R.—(*Chief Ranger leads—officers and members follow. Place right hand over heart—known as hand salute.*) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (*change from hand salute and extend open hand to the flag palm up*), and to the Republic for which it stands,—one Nation, indivisible,—with Liberty and Justice for all.

C. R.—I now declare the meeting of Court.....
....., No....., closed. ★

Initiation--Short Form

This ceremony perpetuates the present ritual and can be exemplified by the sitting:

Chief Ranger
Lecturer

Past Chief Ranger
Senior Woodward

Sub Chief Ranger
Senior Beadle

Four pictures, representing Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, together with the robes and Beadle's uniform, will be a part of the equipment necessary to put on this work. The pictures will take the place of the living tableaux and be shown from the stations of the Chief Ranger, Past Chief Ranger, Sub Chief Ranger and the Lecturer.

They will be illuminated as the officer commences his charge.

X. INITIATION

C. R.—★ This is our most important order of business, for upon it depends the future of the Order. The Senior Woodward will retire, in due form, and ascertain if there are any strangers who seek admission.

The Senior Woodward approaches the altar, gives the retiring sign and goes to the anteroom. Upon his return, which is in due form, he says, while in front of the altar:

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I find in the anteroom a stranger who answers to the name of (*name in full*). He desires admission into our Order and instructions in its mysteries.

Senior Woodward salutes and assumes his station.

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will retire, question the stranger as provided by our laws and make the necessary collection.

Financial Secretary proceeds to the altar, gives the retiring sign and goes to the anteroom. *While the Financial Secretary is out, the Court may proceed with other business.* Upon returning, which must be in due form, he reports, from in front of the altar as follows:

F. S.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I have followed your instructions and questioned the stranger. He has answered satisfactorily and has complied with the laws of the Order.

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will assume his station. (*Financial Secretary does so.*) The Senior Beadle will instruct the Junior Beadle to prepare the stranger for initiation.

S. B.—(*Opening the door.*) Brother Junior Beadle, the Chief Ranger orders that the candidate be prepared for initiation.

J. B.—(*From the anteroom.*) The orders of the Chief Ranger shall be obeyed.

The Junior Beadle prepares candidate by blindfolding him.

S. B.—(*From his station, giving salutation sign.*) Worthy Chief Ranger, I have communicated your orders to the Junior Beadle and he reports that the candidate is being prepared.

C. R.—★ We will now prepare for the reception of the candidate. As we cannot overestimate the value of first impressions, let silence be observed. The Senior Beadle will allow no one to enter or leave the room during the initiation. The Junior Woodward will proceed with the preparations.

The Junior Woodward approaches the altar, gives the salutation sign and sees that the lights in the room are dimmed. This done, he approaches the altar, gives the salutation sign.

J. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the room is prepared for the ceremony of initiation. (*Assumes his station.*)

C. R.—The Senior Beadle will indicate to the Junior Beadle that we are in readiness.

The Senior Beadle will give one rap on the door to indicate to the Junior Beadle in the anteroom that all is in readiness. The Junior Beadle will give one rap which will indicate that he is ready with the candidate. The one rap on the door given by the Junior Beadle will be answered by one from within. The Senior Beadle opens the door and the candidate is admitted, escorted by the Junior Beadle. When candidate crosses the threshold he is taken charge of by the Senior Woodward who will conduct him once regularly around the room and to a position in front of the altar, *where he is halted by a rap of the gavel in the hands of the Chief Ranger.* The approach to the altar will be from the station of the Sub Chief Ranger. Soft music, while the candidate is being conducted around the room, *should stop when the Woodward and candidate are in position in front of the altar.*

C. R.—We will sing the first verse of the initiation ode.
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INITIATION ODE.

Tune—America.



1 Brothers! attention keep,
Whilst our Most Worthy Chief
Gives you the charge.
Bonds of Society;
Friendship and Sympathy;
Honor and Secrecy,
Let all unite.

2 Brothers! have naught to fear
True Honor's court is here.
Love! Truth and Joy.
Benevolence here abounds,
Concord our evening crowns,
Whilst every heart resounds,
God bless our cause.

C. R.—★ (*Addressing candidate.*) Sir: In your present condition, what do you now desire? (*Candidate is instructed to answer, "Light!"*)

C. R.—★ Let him be restored to light! (*Hoodwink is removed.*)

Chief Ranger steps down to a position half way between his station and the altar.

C. R.—My friend, you are approaching the privileges of membership in the Foresters of America—an institution founded on the principle of Benevolence. It affords friendly and social intercourse, bestows enduring friendship and is established to provide relief in sickness, burial at death and to inspire its members with a proper recognition of the stern realities of life. Before going further, you are required to give this Court an assurance that you will comply with the laws and purposes of the Order by taking a solemn obligation. This obligation we have all taken and it will in no way conflict with your duty to your God, our country, your neighbor or yourself. Are you willing to proceed?

Candidate answers.

C. R.—Brother Senior Woodward, you will place the candidate in proper position.

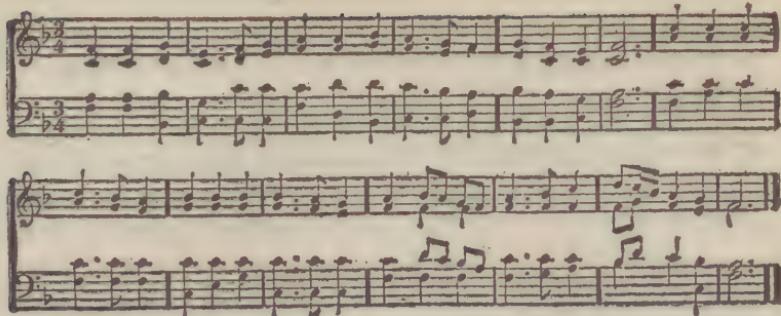
Senior Woodward does so, which is No. 3 in cipher book.

S. C. R.—★ ★ ★

C. R.—(*To candidate.*) You will repeat your name and say after me, in a loud, clear voice so all may hear: I, (*Chief Ranger does not use his name, but pauses to allow candidate to use his own name*), of my own free will and accord—do most sincerely—promise and declare—that I will—faithfully abide—by the laws, rules—and regulations—of the Supreme Court,—Grand Court and of this Court—of the Foresters of America—as are now in force—or as they may be—hereafter enacted—or amended—and that I will—to the best of my ability—live up—to the principles—of this Order. I will never communicate—to any person or persons—not entitled—to a knowledge thereof—in any way—any of the secret work—of the Order. I will regard all—that transpires—in the meetings—of this Court—or any other—with which I may—hereafter affiliate—as sacredly confidential—and will not—impart the same—to any person or persons—not entitled to know thereof. I will never wrong a brother—and will—respect his family—as though it were my own. I will—to the extent of my ability—aid a brother in distress—and assist—the widows and orphans—of deceased Brothers. I will—so far as I am able—attend the meetings of this Court—and do everything in my power—to promote—its welfare. I make this pledge—on the honor of a man—who respects the value of truth—and it shall—be binding on me—as long as life shall last.

The Senior Woodward will instruct the candidate to resume his former position.

C. R.—(*Returns to his station.*) We will sing the second verse of the initiation ode.



1 Brothers! attention keep,
Whilst our Most Worthy Chief
Gives you the charge.
Bonds of Society;
Friendship and Sympathy;
Honor and Secrecy,
Let all unite.

2 Brothers! have naught to fear
True Honor's court is here.
Love! Truth and Joy.
Benevolence here abounds,
Concord our evening crowns,
Whilst every heart resounds,
God bless our cause.

C. R.—★ Brother Senior Woodward, you will present our Brother to the Past Chief Ranger.

If there is more than one candidate, the others will be escorted to seats at the place provided for in the instructions.

Candidate will be halted at the station of the Past Chief Ranger by a rap of the gavel.

S. W.—Worthy Past Chief Ranger, by direction of the Chief Ranger, I present this Brother who has taken the obligation of a Forester of America.

P. C. R.—(*Lighting picture of Liberty.*) You behold here (*pointing to picture*) an exemplification of the spirit that made it possible for you to enjoy the priceless boon of Liberty. We are not the first to exemplify or proclaim this principle. In the dark hours of the Revolution, when Liberty had been driven from every American home, Brother greeted Brother in the silent Forest and with clasped hands pledged their lives that America should be free. In 1780, Marion, dauntless even in defeat, called his men together in the secret shades of the Forest, and thus addressed them: "I consider my life but a moment; but to fill that moment with duty is my all. Today I am a lover, and Liberty is my sweetheart. To

guard my country is my greatest duty. I am resolved that while I live, my country shall never be enslaved."

All—Never!

P. C. R.—Sir, Liberty has as serious a meaning today as it had among our fellow Foresters of old. Only those who follow Liberty's star can enter here. Then stand by the flag; by the red, white and blue! Each color has its history, each stripe its significance, and each star its story. The red, ardent desire: an ardent desire to see our country prosper and Liberty proclaimed to every people. The white, purity and humility: pure is our love of brotherhood and country. The blue, faithfulness and fidelity: be faithful to the flag and to the Fraternity.

C. R.—The candidate will be escorted to the station of the Sub Chief Ranger.

Senior Woodward takes candidate to the station of the Sub Chief Ranger where he is halted by a rap of the gavel.

S. C. R.—(*Lights picture of Unity.*) The unity exemplified by the scene before you (*points to picture*) applies just as forcibly to fraternal institutions as it does to nations. If we are a unit in proclaiming our principles, we will merit the confidence of our fellow men. It is not sufficient to merely declare our loyalty to the lessons we have learned, but we must, by our every act, whether in private or public life, demonstrate to the world that we have profited by membership in the Foresters of America. We must be a unit in our opposition to all that is wrong. We must be a unit in our endeavor to uplift mankind. We must be a unit in our desire to improve ourselves and those dear to us, and, at the same time, ever ready to aid and guide an erring Brother, so that he may return to the paths of rectitude. And so, I welcome you as one who will soon become a link in that great chain that unites our brotherhood from one end of this nation to the other. And as a chain is only as strong as the weakest link therein, may you ever be found steadfast and true, clad in the armor of righteousness, strong in your loyalty to our Order, and ever ready to discharge your duties to your fellow men with forbearance, charity and good will. Take this lesson to your heart and pass on.

The Senior Woodward conducts the candidate to the station of the Lecturer where he will be halted by a rap of the gavel.

S. W.—By direction of the Sub Chief Ranger, I present this Brother.

Lecturer—My Brother, you have now arrived at the third station in our Order, representing Benevolence. (*Lights picture of Benevolence.*) The scene before you (*pointing to picture*) is to teach us the lesson that we must not live for ourselves alone. The man who is blind to the misery of his fellow man, who is indifferent to the sufferings of his neighbor, who is so wrapped up in self that he sees not the afflicted by the wayside, and, if perchance he sees, passes on with no kind word on his lip or comforting look in his eye, that man is as though he had never lived at all. While the man in whose heart fraternal love reigns supreme, he shall live forever. His deeds shall be inscribed not on the shifting sands of time, but engraven on imperishable marble, an everlasting monument to the God-given Charity and Benevolence with which he was inspired. The Senior Woodward will conduct you to the station of the Chief Ranger.

The Senior Woodward will conduct the candidate to the station of the Chief Ranger where he will be halted by a rap of the gavel.

S. W.—Worthy Chief Ranger, by direction of the Lecturer, I present this Brother for further instruction.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ (*Lights picture of Concord.*) (“*Star Spangled Banner*” is played and started immediately on the third stroke of the gavel. No other music or ceremony is permitted. As soon as the “*Star Spangled Banner*” is finished, the Chief Ranger immediately proceeds.) My Brother, from Liberty, Unity and Benevolence we have Concord, which is represented by this station and the scene before you. (*Points to picture.*) The starry flag of our country typifies in no uncertain terms the principles of our Order. Many times has the banner, 'midst shot and shell, been held aloft by the youth and the gray haired of our people. Fathers left wives and little ones; sons wandered from their parents' side; and youths scarce grown to manhood, left weeping mothers to offer up their lives for the Liberty we are today enjoying. Let

us, therefore, be loyal to our flag and may patriotism ever find an abiding place in our hearts. May we be proud in contemplation of our country's glorious past and let our souls expand in prayer for a glorious future.

If you will consider the lessons taught tonight, every tender sentiment of the human soul will find an abiding place in you; your heart will be filled with generous impulses; and you will be imbued with lofty inspirations that shall lead you as near the goal of human perfection as man may ever hope to reach. You will now be conducted to the Past Chief Ranger to be instructed in our secret work. ★

Candidate is taken to the station of the Past Chief Ranger where he is halted by a rap of the gavel.

S. W.—Worthy Past Chief Ranger, I present this Brother to be instructed in our secret work.

P. C. R.—My Brother, the lessons of this evening teach us to regard the great family of mankind as our brethren and to improve the conditions of humanity. To reach the full measure of your responsibilities of membership, you must be of pure heart and clean hands, constant in attendance at every meeting, and diligent in the discharge of every duty. Accept such preferment as may be conferred upon you, and be animated by the true principles of Forestry, so your life and conduct may be no reproach to the Brother whose confidence has made you one of us. Let us, as an Order, direct every energy to the preservation of peace in our midst, and, relying upon the truth of our principles, carry out, in all its fullness and glory, our divine motto, "Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord."

I will now instruct you in the secret work. Desiring admission to your Court, you will, upon approaching the outer door, give (No. 4), which will be answered by the Junior Beadle's raising the wicket or opening the door, to whom you will present your due receipt and give, in a low whisper, the password, which is If satisfied, he will permit you to enter the anteroom where you will clothe yourself with a member's regalia. The Junior Beadle will advance to the inner door and give this alarm (No. 6), which will be answered by the

Senior Beadle with (No. 7). The wicket will be opened and you will be announced to the Senior Beadle who will admit you. Upon entering, you will walk in a line parallel with the length of the room until opposite the altar, then you will wheel at right angles. As you approach the altar you will observe the American Flag, before which you will stop and salute in this fashion (*exemplifies hand salute*), after which you will proceed to the center of the altar, from which point you will attract the attention of the Chief Ranger by saying "Worthy Chief Ranger," and make this sign (No. 8), which is known as the *Salutation Sign*. The Chief Ranger will answer you with the countersign, which is (No. 9). You will then be seated. The proper way to enter will now be shown you. (*Pauses until this is done.*) We require respect to the flag upon entering the meeting and due respect paid it when leaving. Officers executing orders or carrying out ritualistic requirements or members who retire temporarily are guided by the general rule which govern their movements. This rule does not require a salute to the flag every time it is passed. Should you desire to visit a Court other than the one of which you are a member, you will, after gaining admittance to the anteroom, be asked to sign your name in the Visitors' Book. The Junior Beadle will then compare the signature on the margin of your due receipt with the signature in the book, and, if satisfied, he will announce you to the Senior Beadle, and you will be admitted. If the Junior Beadle is in doubt, he will report to the Chief Ranger that you desire admission but he is not satisfied as to your right to enter. The Chief Ranger will then appoint a committee which will, by examination, ascertain if you are a member of the Order and rightfully in possession of the due receipt. From these instructions, you will observe how necessary it is to have the due receipt with you and be in good standing. On desiring to speak, you will do so by arising in your place, attracting the attention of the Chief Ranger by saying "Worthy Chief Ranger." Upon being recognized, you will proceed with what you have to say. Members are not permitted to cross from one side of the Court room to the other without first passing in front of the altar and giving the Salu-

tation sign. When the entrance is at the left of the Sub Chief Ranger, members coming in while the Court is in session are permitted to cross the room in front of the Sub Chief Ranger so they can properly approach the flag. The voting sign is the uplifted right hand, palm out, elevation on a line with the eyes. If in distress and desiring assistance, you will present yourself to the nearest Court of the Order; prove yourself a member and make known your mission. Your needs, whenever possible, will be readily granted. To prove yourself a Forester, you will be required to pass an examination. Therefore, pay strict attention to the following dialogue between the Chief Ranger and myself. His answers will be yours when put to that test.

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Wishing to retire while the Court is in session, you will approach the altar at right angles and use this sign (No. 16). You will be answered by the Chief Ranger with this sign (No. 17), indicating "My mouth is closed in secrecy." You will then step in front of the flag, salute this way (*hand salute*) and retire at right angles. On approaching the altar to give the retiring sign you must not pass directly in front of the flag. I will now acquaint you with the use of the gavel. One ★ rap calls the members to order or seats them when standing; two ★★ raps calls the officers to a standing position; three ★★★ raps means that all must arise; four ★★★★ raps announces the entrance of a high official; one ★ rap seats all. With the instructions you have received you should not experience any difficulty in proving yourself a member of the Order and showing that you are entitled to its privileges and benefits. The Senior Woodward will conduct you to the Chief Ranger.

Candidate will be escorted to the station of the Chief Ranger where he is halted by a rap of the gavel.

C. R.—My Brother, with membership in this Order, you have certain duties to perform before you can claim the full benefit of a true fraternity. A man cannot be a good member of an organization unless he knows and understands the obligations he owes society. If one has no friends to share or rejoice in his success in life, if one cannot look back to those to whom he owes gratitude, or forward to those to whom he owes protection, it is nonetheless incumbent upon him to move steadily in the path of duty. One's best efforts are due not only to society, but in humble gratitude to the Creator who made him a member of society with powers to serve one's self and others. We receive you as a member (*shake hands*); you are among friends and we hope you will continue to merit our confidence. You must acquaint yourself with the rules, regulations and laws of the Order, as from the time of your admission you are bound by them as they now exist or as they may be hereafter enacted or amended; and it will be necessary that you attend the meetings regularly. We believe that you sought admittance from lofty motives and that you are sincere in your intentions to become a regular and helpful member. The Senior Woodward will give you a copy of the by-laws of this Court and the laws of the Grand and Supreme Courts. (*Senior Woodward hands candidate a copy of the laws herein mentioned.*) You will be expected to familiarize yourself with their provisions. You will now be conducted to the Financial Secretary, where you will sign the "Constitution Book" and designate your beneficiary, record of which will be entered in a book, provided by the Order for that purpose, after which you will stand at ease in front of this station for a fraternal welcome.

Senior Woodward conducts candidate to the station of the Financial Secretary, who reads, so all may hear, the agreement printed in the Constitution Book, and asks the candidate if he agrees to same. If an affirmative answer is given, the candidate is requested to sign (*which must be witnessed by the Financial Secretary*). He is then asked to designate his beneficiary in and sign the Beneficiary Book after which he is conducted to the station of the Chief Ranger, facing the members.

F. S.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Brother has signed the Constitution Book and designated his beneficiary.

C. R.—★★★ Brothers, join with me in singing the Welcome Ode. The officers will extend congratulations.

During the singing, officers pass in front of the candidate and extend congratulations.

WELCOME ODE.

Tune—Greenville, 8s & 7s.

Welcome, brothers, welcome ever,
To our Court in friendship's name,
Here we greet you kindly, brother,
Trusting you will do the same.
All our hopes are one in union,
All our strength may we unite.
Then let us meet in sweet communion
Ready ever to do right.

May our Order always prosper,
Grow in strength and common sense,
Help the sick that none may suffer,
While we have benevolence.
May our Courts prove always blessings,
To each brother thus afford
Peace instead of want distressing,
While we dwell in sweet Concord.

C. R.—It is my pleasure to clothe you with an official member's regalia which all members must wear while the Court is in session.

Pins a member's regalia on the coat of the new member.

C. R.—★ The ceremony of initiation having been concluded, our newly initiated Brother may be seated.

Opening
of the
Supreme Court

OPENING

At the time appointed, the Supreme Chief Ranger will take his position and call the session to order.

S. C. R.—★ In obedience to the Constitution and General Laws of the Supreme Court of the Foresters of America, we are here assembled for the purpose of holding this convention.

As the Representatives of thousands of our members, we have important and sacred duties to discharge, in which the eternal principles of truth, justice and charity should be the ruling motives.

While this Supreme Court is competent and empowered to alter, amend, or rescind, laws now in force, or to make new laws, the exercise of these great powers should be conducted with the utmost precaution and forethought. The equal rights of every Grand Court, and the equitable privileges of every Subordinate Court in their relation to each other and to the Supreme Court of our organization, necessitate wise and judicious consideration in our deliberations affecting them.

A strict regard for the rights and interest of all concerned in the work that is before us should actuate every Representative, so that our legislation will give to the distinguished virtues of our glorious principles still grander effect, and thus assure their widespread propagation.

I now direct the Supreme Woodwards to collect the credentials and deliver same to the Committee on Credentials which Committee will consist of Brothers

While the Committee is engaged with its work, the Supreme Chief Ranger will invite members of the Order or visitors to address the convention.

S. C. R.—(*When the Credential Committee is ready to report.*) ★ We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Credential Committee reports and the convention acts thereon.

S. C. R.—★ The Supreme Woodwards will take up the password, examine the due receipts of those present, and report.

Senior and Junior Woodwards do so and report.

S. C. R.—★★★ Officers and Representatives, we are now prepared for the duties that have called us from our homes and constituencies. Your thoughtful and zealous attention is invoked to promote the harmony of this session while endeavoring to advance the progress and prosperity of our Order. With solicitation for a temperate and kindly spirit in discussion, and a wise solution of the problems to be considered during our deliberations, I now declare this session of the Supreme Court duly and legally opened. ★

All questions not decided by the laws of the Order, the ritual and the "order of business" will be handled as provided in Cushing's Manual.

**Installation
of
Supreme Court Officers**

INSTALLATION

At the proper time, the Supreme Chief Ranger will request the Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger or Installing Officer to take the position of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and will surrender to him the gavel.

The retiring Supreme Chief Ranger may here make appropriate remarks. The installing officer responds at his discretion, and appoints Herald.

P. S. C. R.—★ The Herald will collect the regalia.

Herald collects regalia and arranges them in order on stand or platform in front of installing officer, and remains standing at the right of and in front of installing officer.

Herald—Worthy Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger, the regalias have been collected.

Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger, turning to Supreme Chief Ranger and investing him with regalia of Past Supreme Chief Ranger, says:

P. S. C. R.—★★★ Worthy Supreme Chief Ranger, the regalia with which I now invest you signalizes the close of your official term as the executive head of the Order, and indicates the fact that you have attained the honor of Past Supreme Chief Ranger, which entitles you to life membership in this Supreme Court. You have fully merited the distinction which you now receive and I am sure the Supreme Court will have no cause to regret its confidence. ★

P. S. C. R.—The Herald will read the list of officers-elect. Each officer, as his name is called, will take a position in line which will form at my right, facing this station. The Supreme Chief Ranger-elect will be at the head of the line; the other officers will follow according to their respective rank.

As the names are called, officers take position.

Herald—Worthy Past Supreme Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present the officers-elect.

P. S. C. R.—My Brothers, you will place yourselves

in proper position to take the obligation required of officers of this Supreme Court ★★★ and repeat after me:

I, having been elected an officer of the Supreme Court of the Foresters of America, do promise, upon my honor, that I will support, defend, and bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution and General Laws of the Order. I will carefully guard and conserve any and all property of the Order entrusted to me, and will deliver same to my successor or any duly authorized member or officer upon demand. I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

P. S. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the officers with the regalia of office.

Herald does so, beginning with Trustees.

Herald—(*After investing each with regalia.*) Brothers, the regalia with which you are now invested is emblematic and distinctive of the respective offices to which you have been elected. Your earnest efforts and highest ambition should be to leave at the expiration of your official terms an unsullied record.

P. S. C. R.—The Herald will conduct the officers to their respective stations.

Herald does so, beginning with the Trustees, and presents the Supreme Chief Ranger to the installing officer.

Herald—Worthy Past Supreme Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order.

P. S. C. R.—★★★ Worthy Supreme Chief Ranger, it is with pleasure I extend to you cordial and fraternal greetings as Chief Executive of the Order within the Supreme Jurisdiction of the United States. Your duties will be exacting and you will be called upon to devote much time to the work of the fraternity. These responsibilities and the many others in connection with your high office are in safe custody. In our Order the preservation of Concord is a necessity. As a society, we are in a state of progress. Much that was once thought unsuit-

able and wrong in principle has been, upon mature consideration, adopted; much that was once thought desirable and even necessary to our existence has been discarded as extended experience has shown its disadvantage. For these results, so creditable to judgment and so honorable to intellect, we are mainly indebted to Concord, which principle you will cultivate among the Courts and Brethren. In presenting this gavel, which is the symbol of authority (*hands Supreme Chief Ranger gavel*), I invite you to assume your station and enter upon your duties with the good will and kind wishes of every member of the Order. (*Supreme Chief Ranger assumes station.*) The Herald will declare the ceremony of installation concluded, and the officers of this Supreme Court duly and legally installed for the ensuing term.

Herald—I hereby declare the ceremony of installation concluded, and the officers of this Supreme Court duly and legally installed.

P. S. C. R.—In all your intercourse, remember that brotherly love is the prevailing spirit of our institution. ★

Supreme Chief Ranger *elect* may deliver his address.

Closing

S. C. R.—★ ★ ★ Officers and Representatives, the business of this Supreme Court meeting being now concluded, allow me to thank you for the zeal you have manifested in furthering the interests of the Order, and to express the earnest hope that the legislation enacted may tend to the welfare of our Order, consolidate its power, and extend its beneficent principles.

Before closing, permit me to wish you a safe return to your respective destinations, and to impress upon you the desirability of carefully watching the interests of the fraternity so that prosperity and harmony may continue.

Brethren, I now declare this session of the Supreme Court, Foresters of America, duly and legally closed. ★

**Opening
of a
Grand Court**

OPENING

At the appointed time of meeting the Grand Chief Ranger will take his position and call the Brothers to order.

G. C. R.—★ In obedience to the Constitution and General Laws of the Order and of the Grand Court of the State of....., we are assembled to legislate for and promote the welfare of our fraternity. Upon us rests the responsibility of faithfully carrying out the views of our constituents while earnestly seeking the prosperity of the Order. Let the future as well as the present welfare of this Grand Court be the great and leading object of your deliberations.

I now direct the Grand Woodwards to collect the credentials and deliver same to the Committee on Credentials which Committee will consist of Brothers

While the Committee is engaged with its work the Grand Chief Ranger will invite members of the Order or visitors to address the Convention.

When the Credential Committee is ready to report.

G. C. R.—★ We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Credential Committee reports and the convention acts thereon.

G. C. R.—★ The Grand Woodwards will take up the password and examine the due receipts.

Senior and Junior Woodwards do so and report.

G. C. R.—★★★ Officers and Delegates, while inviting your earnest attention to the business that may be brought before us, let me solicit your aid in supporting the dignity of the chair and preserving decorum in our proceedings. I now declare this meeting of the Grand Court of the State of....., Foresters of America, duly and legally open.

The Grand Chief Ranger proceeds as provided in the "Order of Business." Any question not covered by the laws, ritual and order of business will be decided by Cushing's Manual.

**Installation
of
Grand Court Officers**

This ceremony may be used in public

INSTALLATION

At the proper time, the Grand Chief Ranger will request the Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or installing officer to take the position of the Grand Chief Ranger, and will surrender to him the gavel.

The retiring Grand Chief Ranger may here make remarks suited to the occasion. Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger responds at his discretion, and appoints Herald.

D. S. C. R.—★ The Herald will collect the regalia.

Herald collects regalia and arranges them in order on stand or platform, in front of installing officer, and remains standing at the right of and in front of installing officer.

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger invests Grand Chief Ranger with regalia and says:

D. S. C. R.—★★★ Worthy Grand Chief Ranger, the regalia with which I invest you marks the close of your official term as the executive head of the Order in this State, and indicates that you have attained the honor of Past Grand Chief Ranger, which entitles you to life membership in this Grand Court. You have fully merited the honor which you now receive and I am sure the Grand Court will have no cause to regret its confidence. ★ The Herald will read the list of officers-elect. Each officer, as his name is called, will take his position in line which will form at my right, facing this station. The Grand Chief Ranger-elect will be at the head of the line; the other officers will follow according to their respective rank.

As the names are called, officers take position.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present the officers-elect.

D. S. C. R.— My Brothers, you will place yourselves in position to take the obligation required of officers of this Grand Court and repeat after me. ★★★

I, having been elected an officer of the Grand Court, State of, Foresters of America, do

promise, upon my honor, that I will support, defend, and bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution and General Laws of the Order and the Grand Court Laws of this State. I will carefully guard and conserve any and all property of the Order entrusted to me and will deliver same to my successor or any duly authorized member or officer upon demand. I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

D. S. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the officers with the regalia of office.

Herald does so, beginning with the Trustees.

Herald—(After investing each officer with regalia.)
Brothers, the regalia with which you are now invested is emblematic and distinctive of the respective offices to which you have been elected. Your earnest efforts and highest ambition should be to leave at the expiration of your official terms an unsullied record.

D. S. C. R.—The Herald will conduct the officers to their respective stations.

The Herald does so, beginning with the Trustees, and presents the Grand Chief Ranger to the installing officer.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present the Grand Chief Ranger of this State.

D. S. C. R.—★★★ Worthy Grand Chief Ranger, it is with pleasure I extend fraternal greetings to you as Chief Executive of this State and trust that, in your future course through life, you will continue to be impressed with a due sense of those duties and obligations which should be the aim of every member of the Order to recognize and fulfill. I place in your possession the charter of this Grand Court, under and by virtue of which, it is legally authorized to meet and act. As Grand Chief Ranger, your duties are numerous and can best be performed by applying yourself strictly to the requirements of the Order. You will continue in this position until the installation of your successor. In presenting the gavel (*hands Grand Chief Ranger gavel*), which is the symbol of authority, I invite you to assume your station. (*Grand*

Chief Ranger does so.) The Herald will declare the ceremony of installation concluded and the officers of this Grand Court duly and legally installed.

Herald—I hereby declare the ceremony of installation concluded and the officers of this Grand Court duly and legally installed for the ensuing term.

D. S. C. R.—In all your intercourse, remember that brotherly love is the prevailing spirit of our institution. ★

Grand Chief Ranger *elect* may deliver his address.

Closing

G. C. R.—★ ★ ★ Brothers, there being no further business before this Grand Court, we will proceed to close. May the legislation here enacted be of immediate and permanent benefit to the Order! Let us continue to maintain the harmony and brotherly feeling which now prevails, and which should continue to exist in this Grand Jurisdiction. I now declare this session of the Grand Court, State of....., Foresters of America, legally closed. ★

**Opening
of a
New Court**

General Instructions

P. O.—Presiding Officer.

For the purpose of instituting a new Court, either the Grand Chief Ranger or a Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, Supreme Chief Ranger, or a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, should officiate and be accompanied by a sufficient number of Grand or Supreme Court Officers or Brothers specially appointed for the occasion to represent them, to fill all the regular Subordinate Court Officers' positions.

Before the Court is instituted, the list of charter members must be approved by the Supreme Executive Council or Grand Court Executive Council. The Presiding Officer then appoints a Grand or Supreme Secretary and a Grand or Supreme Senior and Junior Beadle. After the charter members have been examined by the physician, the Acting Secretary, taking a position in the anteroom, will collect from the proposed new members the balance of the initiation fees, have each one answer and sign the necessary questions the same as a candidate in an existing Court; and, as each one complies, his name is checked off on the charter list and he is admitted to the meeting room. While this is going on, the Acting Senior Beadle is guarding the door and is to admit no one other than those duly qualified except the candidates of the new Court as they are passed by the Acting Secretary. After all the charter members have been admitted into the meeting room, all visiting Foresters of America who have not entered shall be invited to do so, if qualified. The doors will then be closed and the Junior Beadle remain on guard outside. If a candidate arrives late the Junior Beadle should announce him to the Presiding Officer through the Senior Beadle; and the Presiding Officer will send out either the Secretary or some Forester of America who may be called upon to assist in performing the Secretary's duty with the candidate and pass him in.

The Presiding Officer will then appoint the other officers to represent the Grand or Supreme Court who will assume the various stations and then proceed.

OPENING

P. O.—★ The officers who are to act during these ceremonies will clothe themselves in proper regalia and assume their respective stations. (*Officers do so.*)

Opening is continued in regular official form as shown on pages 11-15.

Preliminaries

P. O.—★ This meeting having been called for the purpose of instituting a new Court, the applications for membership will be presented.

Acting Recording Secretary reads applications in the usual way.

P. O.—Brother Financial Secretary, have these candidates complied with the law in making their application for membership?

Financial Secretary answers.

P. O.—Have the laws in relation to investigation been observed, and does the Investigating Committee report favorably?

In a new Court, the investigation is conducted by the Executive Council. Financial Secretary answers.

P. O.—Have the candidates been examined as to their physical condition, and does the medical examiner report favorably?

F. S.—There are candidates awaiting initiation. They have been examined, have paid the required fees, have complied with the regulations of the Order and the medical examiner reports favorably.

P. O.—The laws having been fully observed, we will proceed to ballot. If any member knows of anything which should prevent these candidates or any one of them from becoming members of the Order, let him now speak. (*Pauses.*) If there are no objections, the ballot will be a

collective one. (*Pauses, and if there are no objections*): And I so direct. The Senior Woodward will prepare the ballot box.

Senior Woodward does so in the regular way.

P. O.—We will proceed to vote. Remember that white balls elect and black ones reject.

Members vote in the usual way. When it appears all have voted:

P. O.—If all who so desire have voted, I shall declare the ballot box closed. (*Pauses.*) And I so order. ★ (*At least seven votes must be cast to constitute an election.*)

Senior Woodward proceeds in the usual way.

P. O.—Worthy Grand Sub Chief Ranger (*or correct title*), how do you find the ballot?

G. S. C. R.—I find the ballot clear (*or not clear*).

P. O.—I, too, find the ballot clear (*or not clear*) and declare (*if ballot is clear*) the candidates duly and legally elected to become members of the Order by initiation. ★

If the ballot is not clear, the usual procedure in existing Courts is followed.

Initiation

P. O.—We will now proceed with the ceremony of initiation.

If initiation is conducted in the long form see Rule 10, page 21.

If the candidates are to be initiated according to the short form, see page 43.

Either "long" or "short" form *must* be used—no other method of initiation can be considered legal.

Institution

P. O.—★ As members of a united and widespread fraternity, we are assembled on this occasion for the performance of a gratifying, interesting and important ceremony—that of establishing this new Court which we are now about to institute. It is by ceremonies such as these

that our Order and its purposes have become known; and it is from such inaugurations that it will continue to extend its beneficent and time-honored principles. May the formation of this Court bind its members in acts of brotherly love, charity and good will; and may they ever experience the blessings that emanate from such a brotherly union. The founders, Brothers....., will assemble in front of the altar, forming a semi-circle, and the Secretary will read the charter. ★★★

Founders take directed position and the Secretary reads the charter.

P. O.—(*Addressing the founders after the charter has been read.*) Do you promise, as founders of this Court, to accept the full terms of the charter, and do everything in your power to promote the Court's welfare?

Founders—Yes.

P. O.—Brothers, do you agree to the terms of the charter and will you comply with the conditions upon which it is granted?

Members—Yes.

P. O.—The founders will now sign the charter as an evidence of the acceptance of the terms under which it is granted. ★

Founders do so.

P. O.—★ ★ ★ The charter having been accepted and signed, I hereby declare this Court duly and legally instituted for all the objects and purposes of the Order as provided in the General Laws of the Order and the Grand Court Laws of this State. It will be incumbent upon you to yield a ready and willing obedience and cheerful compliance to all the regulations by which we are governed. It will also be your duty to do everything possible to promote the welfare and success of your Court so it will be placed upon a secure and permanent foundation which will insure a perpetuation of the benefits it undertakes to confer. ★

P. O.—The Court will now proceed with the transaction of business.

Rule I. Reading of the Minutes

P. O.—The Recording Secretary will read the minutes.

Secretary reads the minutes, which gives the new Court an official record of its institution, by whom and who the charter members were, etc.

P. O.—If there are no corrections to be made, the minutes will be approved as read.

If corrections are made:

P. O.—The minutes having been read and corrected, if there are no objections, they will be approved as amended.

II. Applications for Membership

P. O.—Are there any applications to present?

If applications are presented, they will be referred to the Investigating Committee in the usual way. Efforts should be made by charter members to have some applications for membership to start the Court off right.

III. Communications

P. O.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any communications to present, please read them.

Recording Secretary does so and they are disposed of in the usual way.

IV. Bills

P. O.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any bills, please present them.

Recording Secretary does so, and they are disposed of in the regular way.

V. Reports of Committees

P. O.—We will now listen to the reports of committees.

Under this rule, all committees may report, and the reports are disposed of in the regular way. Arrangements should be made in advance to have a committee on "Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the New Court" ready to report under this heading.

VI. Nomination and Election of Officers

P. O.—We will now proceed with the election of officers and I shall accept nominations.

Officers are nominated and elected in the regular way.

VII. Installation of Officers

(The Presiding Officer may continue as Deputy Grand Chief Ranger.)

The installation ceremony in full will be found beginning on page 89.

If a public installation is desired, same will be found in full beginning on page 97.

VIII. New Business

Presided over by newly installed Chief Ranger.

C. R.—We are now open in "New Business." Has any Brother anything to offer under this rule?

Such new matters as are necessary may be presented and acted upon. By-Law Committee should be appointed and arrangements made to purchase such stationery and paraphernalia as is necessary. Steps should also be taken to handle the finances of the Court as is required by law.

IX. Good and Welfare

C. R.—The Lecturer will proceed with his programme.

Lecturer may invite the Grand Chief Ranger and his colleagues to speak, and call on visitors.

X. Receipts and Expenses

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will announce the receipts and disbursements of the evening.

Financial Secretary does so.

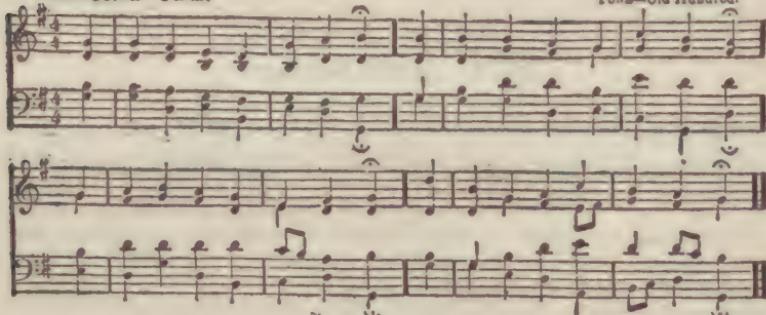
XI. Closing

C. R.—We are now about to close this meeting; but, before doing so, permit me to remind you that we are obligated to refrain from discussing the secret affairs of

the Order within the hearing of strangers. I thank all of those who were instrumental in the establishment of this Court, and am positive it will be a credit to the fraternity. On behalf of the members, I convey to the Grand Officers and to the visitors, our sincere appreciation for their labors in our behalf, and assure them that we shall do our utmost to merit their confidence. The members of this Court must realize their responsibilities for upon them depends the future stability of the Order. I shall expect you to exercise a good influence and, by the example you set, exhibit the Order in its true light. We will now sing the Closing Ode. ★★★

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE—Old Hundred.



Good night! and may we ever part
In body single, one in heart;
Each holding with integrity,
True principles of Forestry.

Good night! and may our spirits rest,
By no unkindly thought oppressed;
But with a happy consciousness,
Of an approving Providence.

C. R.—Brothers, you will join me in giving the Retiring Sign—(No. 16).

Officers and members do so.

C. R.—Join with me in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

All come to a military salute. Chief Ranger leads—officers and members follow.

C. R.—I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (*change from military salute, extend open hand to the flag, palm up*), and to the Republic for which it stands,—one Nation, indivisible,—with Liberty and Justice for all.

C. R.—I now declare the meeting of this Court duly and legally closed in accordance with the ancient customs of the Foresters of America. ★

Merger

Instructions

A consolidation of Courts shall be known, *first*, as Amalgamation, and *second*, Merger. An amalgamation is when one or more Courts combine with another, surrender their names, charters and property. A merger is when two or more Courts combine and take a new name and number or continue the number of one of the combined Courts. Sections 118 and 119 govern.

For the purpose of merger either the Grand Chief Ranger or a Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, Supreme Chief Ranger or a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger should officiate and be accompanied by a sufficient number of Grand or Supreme Court Officers or members specially appointed for the occasion to fill the regular stations.

P. O. means Presiding Officer.

OPENING

P. O.—★ The officers who are to act during this ceremony will clothe themselves in proper regalia and assume their respective stations. (*Officers do so.*) The Junior Woodward will invite all Foresters into the chamber and see that the doors are closed and guarded. Senior Woodward will approach this station, communicate the password, receive same from the members present and examine their due receipts.

The opening is continued in regular official form as shown on pages 11-15.

P. O.—This meeting has been called for the purpose of merging Courts The written requests together with the permission granted by the Grand Chief Ranger and the permission granted by the Supreme Court will be read by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary reads the request from each Court to merge and the permission issued by the Grand Chief Ranger, and the Supreme Court. A careful record of same will be entered in the minutes.

P. O.—Brother Grand Secretary, have all the laws in reference to the merging of these Courts been observed and obeyed?

Grand Secretary answers. In the case of entire regularity:

P. O.—★ The laws having been fully observed and obeyed, we are at liberty to proceed. Before doing so, let me ask if anyone knows of any valid reason why these Courts should not be merged?

If anyone objects the presiding officer will permit a hearing. If it is shown conclusively that the laws have *not* been observed the merger must be postponed until the law has been complied with. If the reasons for objecting are trivial they will be dismissed. If there are no objections,

P. O.—The joining of these Courts by this ceremony is a serious and yet hopeful event. Serious, because if there should be a lack of interest in the welfare of the Court, the future will be darkened and failure is liable

to follow. The hopeful part of the proceedings is that you, who constitute this new Court, are trained in the fraternity and are devoted to its principles. I rely on you to give the new Court the same energy you so un-sparingly gave to the Order in the past. If you do, I predict that a splendid career and a wonderful success will result from this wedding. The name and number of this Court will be and I now direct the Grand Secretary to read the charter. The founders will assemble in front of the altar. ★★★

Founders take directed position and charter is read.

P. O.—(Addressing the founders.) Do you promise, as Founders of this Court, to accept the full terms of the charter and do everything in your power to promote the Court's welfare?

Founders answer.

P. O.—Brothers, do *you* agree to the terms of the charter and will you comply with the conditions upon which it is granted?

Members answer.

P. O.—The founders will now sign the charter in this open meeting as an evidence of the acceptance of the terms under which it is granted. ★

Founders do so.

P. O.—★ ★ ★ The charter having been accepted and signed, I hereby declare these Courts duly and legally merged for all the objects and purposes of the Order as provided in the General Laws and the Grand Court Laws of this State. It will be incumbent upon you to yield a ready and willing obedience and cheerful compliance to all the regulations by which we are governed. It will also be your duty to promote the welfare of your Court so it will be successful and placed upon a secure and permanent foundation which will insure a perpetuation of the benefits it undertakes to confer. ★

P. O.—The Court will now proceed with the transaction of business.

Rule I. Reading of the Minutes

P. O.—The Secretary will read the minutes of the institution of this Court.

Secretary reads the minutes, which gives the new Court an official record of its institution, by whom and who the charter members were, etc.

P. O.—If there are no corrections to be made, the minutes will be approved as read.

If corrections are made:

P. O.—The minutes having been read and corrected, if there are no objections, they will be approved as amended.

II. Applications for Membership

P. O.—Are there any applications to present?

If applications are presented they will be referred to the Investigating Committee in the usual way.

III. Communications

P. O.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any communications to present, please read them.

Recording Secretary does so and they are disposed of in the usual way.

IV. Bills

P. O.—Brother Recording Secretary, if you have any bills, please present them.

Recording Secretary does so, and they are disposed of in the regular way.

V. Reports of Committees

P. O.—We will now listen to the reports of committees.

Under this rule, all committees may report, and the reports are disposed of according to custom. Arrangements should be made in advance to have a committee on "Time and Place of Regular Meetings" ready to report under this heading.

VI. Nomination and Election of Officers

P. O.—We will now proceed with the election of officers and I shall accept nominations.

Officers are nominated and elected in the regular way.

VII. Installation of Officers

D. G. C. R.—I am ready to install the officers and I appoint Brother to act as Herald.

The installation ceremony in full will be found beginning on page 89.

VIII. New Business

Presided over by newly installed Chief Ranger.

C. R.—We are now open in “New Business.” Has any Brother anything to offer under this rule?

Such new matters as are necessary may be presented and acted upon. By-Law Committee should be appointed and arrangements made to purchase such stationery and paraphernalia as is necessary. Steps should also be taken to handle the finances of the Court as is required by law.

IX. Good and Welfare

C. R.—The Lecturer will proceed with his entertainment.

Lecturer may invite the Grand Chief Ranger and his colleagues to speak, and call on visitors.

X. Receipts and Expenses

C. R.—The Financial Secretary will announce the receipts and disbursements of the evening.

Financial Secretary does so.

XI. Closing

C. R.—We are now about to close this meeting; but, before doing so, permit me to remind you that we are obligated to refrain from discussing the secret affairs of

the Order within the hearing of strangers. I thank those who were instrumental in the establishment of this Court, and am sure it will be a credit to the fraternity. On behalf of the members, I convey to the Grand Officers and to the visitors, our sincere appreciation for their labors in our behalf, and assure them that we shall do our utmost to merit their confidence. The members of this Court must realize their responsibilities for upon them depends the future stability of the Order. I shall expect you to exercise a good influence and, by the example you set, exhibit the Order in its true light. We will now sing the Closing Ode. ★★★

CLOSING ODE.

Tune—Old Hundred.

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are treble clef, and the bottom two are bass clef. The music is in common time, featuring quarter notes and eighth notes. The title 'CLOSING ODE.' is centered above the first staff, and 'Tune—Old Hundred.' is written to the right of the fourth staff.

1
Good night! and may we ever part
In body single, one in heart;
Each holding with integrity,
True principles of Forestry.

2
Good night! and may our spirits rest,
By no unkindly thought oppressed;
But with a happy consciousness,
Of an approving Providence.

C. R.—Brothers, you will join me in giving the Retiring Sign—(No. 16).

Officers and members do so.

C. R.—Join with me in the "Pledge of Allegiance."
All come to a military salute.

C. R.—(*Followed by members.*) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (*change from military salute and extend open hand, palm up, to the flag*), and to the Republic for which it stands,—one Nation, indivisible,—with Liberty and Justice for all.

C. R.—I now declare the meeting of this Court duly and legally closed in accordance with the ancient custom of the Foresters of America. ★

Amalgamation

Is when one or more Courts combine with another and surrender their names, charters and property.

(See Sections 118 and 119 General Laws)

AMALGAMATION

To be conducted under regular order of "New Business"

C. R.—★ Under this order of business we shall proceed with the amalgamation ceremony. Court..... No. (*name the others if there are more than one*) has (*or have*) applied to this Court requesting that we admit the members under the rules governing amalgamation. Committees were appointed and all the details arranged. The report of our committee has been received, entered in the minutes and agreed to. So there will be no misunderstandings and to substantiate the record, I now ask the Financial Secretary to read the request from each Court for permission to amalgamate and the replies of the Grand Chief Ranger and of the Supreme Court, which will be recorded in the minutes.

Financial Secretary does so.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretaries, have all the laws in reference to amalgamation been observed and obeyed?

The Financial Secretary of each Court answers. In case of entire regularity,

C. R.—The laws having been fully observed and obeyed, we are at liberty to proceed. Before doing so, let me ask if anyone knows of any valid reason why this amalgamation should not proceed.

If anyone objects, the Chief Ranger will permit a hearing. If it is shown that the laws have not been observed, the amalgamation must be postponed. If the objections be trivial, they will be dismissed.

C. R.—The joining of these Courts by the ceremony of amalgamation is a serious yet hopeful event. Serious, because if there should be a lack of interest in the welfare of the Court, the future will be darkened and failure is liable to follow. The hopeful part of the proceedings is that you who join with us tonight are trained in the fraternity and are devoted to its principles. I rely upon you to give us of your energy unsparingly. If you do, I predict a splendid career and a wonderful success. Un-

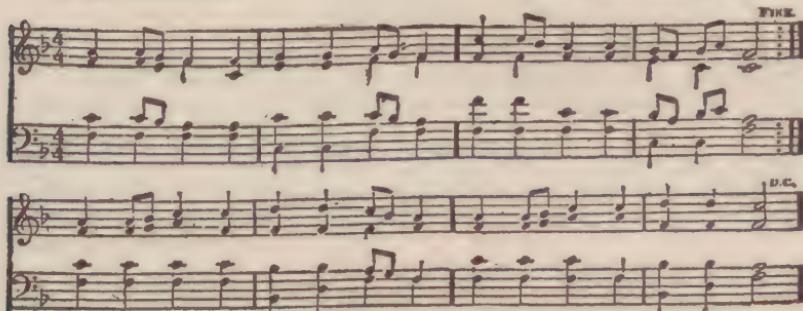
der and by the authority of the General Laws, I, therefore, do now declare this amalgamation consummated and those, according to the list submitted, regularly and duly members of this Court. In continuation of a fraternal consideration and with keen interest for the Order's advancement, I request that the members of the amalgamated Court assemble in front of the altar, forming a semi-circle, the Chief Ranger of the amalgamating Court to my right, followed by his associates in the order of their rank.

Officers and members do so.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ We will sing the welcome ode.

WELCOME ODE.

Tune—Greenville, 8s & 7s.



Welcome, brothers, welcome ever,
To our Court in friendship's name,
Here we greet you kindly, brother,
Trusting you will do the same.
All our hopes are one in union,
All our strength may we unite.
Then let us meet in sweet communion
Ready ever to do right.

May our Order always prosper,
Grow in strength and common sense,
Help the sick that none may suffer,
While we have benevolence.
May our Courts prove always blessings,
To each brother thus afford
Peace instead of want distressing,
While we dwell in sweet Concord.

C. R.—My Brothers, you are required to give us an assurance that you will continue to remain faithful. You will please place your left hand over your heart, raise your hand, palm out, and repeat after me. (*Members do so.*)

C. R.—I do—most sincerely—promise—upon my obligation—and upon my honor—as a man,—to do—all that lies—within my power—to promote—and cultivate—the success—and the prosperity—of this Court. I will be fraternal—in all—my relations—and will—to the extent

—of my ability—assist and aid—in every way—the Court
—so that—it may—continue—to exercise—its useful—
influence—in the community.

Members assume their former position and remain standing.

C. R.—★ It is my pleasure to greet you and to express
the thanks of our members for your ready willingness
to do what you can to help the Court and the Order.
You may now be seated. In declaring the ceremony of
amalgamation concluded, it is my order that we now
proceed with the regular order of business.

Installation of Subordinate Court Officers

First Order Under New Business

Important

It is the duty of a Grand Chief Ranger to install, or cause to be installed, by a Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the officers of all Subordinate Courts within and under the jurisdiction of a Grand Court. The Grand Chief Ranger or Deputy Grand Chief Ranger shall be assisted by a Herald appointed by him. If the Grand Chief Ranger acts as installing officer, the word "Deputy" shall be omitted and the title "Grand Chief Ranger" used. The installation shall take place immediately on opening of "New Business."

It is preferable to have the installation ceremony conducted with installing officers sufficient to occupy each station. In that case, after the Deputy is conducted to the station of the Chief Ranger, the remaining members of his staff will be escorted to the respective stations of the various officers to be installed, which stations will be vacated by the officer and occupied by the installing officer pending the installation of the new officer.

A short recess is declared, during which installing officers retire to the anteroom. Chief Ranger then calls Court to order. If possible, music should accompany the floor movements.

The installing officer, before this order of business is reached, whether he be Grand Chief Ranger or Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, must, by a personal examination of the records, satisfy himself that the officers about to be installed are eligible for the offices to which they have been elected and those required by law to be bonded are bonded in accordance with the provisions of Section 61 of the General Laws. If not the officers affected must not be installed until after the Court obeys the law. No officer can be installed by proxy.

INSTALLATION

C. R.—Brother Senior Beadle, ascertain if the installing officers are in attendance.

Senior Beadle gives ★★. If answered, ★★.

S. B.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger and his staff are in waiting.

C. R.—The Junior Past Chief Ranger will retire and inform the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger that the officers of this Court await installation.

Junior Past Chief Ranger retires in regular form.

When the installing officer is ready, Junior Past Chief Ranger gives alarm. (★★)

S. B.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Junior Past Chief Ranger, with the installing officers, seeks admission.

C. R.—Admit them. ★★★★

Enter Junior Past Chief Ranger, Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, and his staff, in due form.

J. P. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I take pleasure in presenting the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger and his staff. (*Salutation.*)

C. R.—Brothers, you will join with me in extending the Grand Honors.

(*Grand Honors are extended.*)

D. G. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, we are here to install the officers of this Court for the ensuing term. Are they in readiness?

C. R.—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the officers for the ensuing term are in readiness and await installation.

Junior Past Chief Ranger conducts Deputy Grand Chief Ranger to Chief Ranger's place and the various staff officers to their respective stations. Herald remains at altar.

D. G. C. R.—★ The retiring officers will surrender to

the Herald any and all property, books and securities in their possession belonging to the Court, and vacate their respective stations. The Recording Secretary will furnish the Herald with a list of the officers-elect. The Brothers will please observe order.

Herald collects regalia, bank book, securities, etc., and places them on desk near Deputy Grand Chief Ranger. Recording Secretary furnishes list of officers-elect. Chief Ranger remains standing on the dais. Herald takes a position immediately in front of Recording Secretary's desk and remains standing.

If Chief Ranger is entitled to the honors, he is installed as Junior Past Chief Ranger.

D. G. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I am pleased to inform you that you are now the Junior Past Chief Ranger of this Court. It is a position highly honorable to him who has discharged the duties of Chief Ranger so faithfully and with the judgment and discretion that you have used. No office in the Order is too high for you to aspire to and you will merit the highest by continuing to show that no duty is too humble for you to perform. The Herald will invest you with the regalia of office and officially proclaim you duly and legally installed.

Herald—(*Investing Junior Past Chief Ranger with regalia.*) In proclaiming you officially installed as Junior Past Chief Ranger of this Court, I invest you with the regalia of office and hope you will continue your activities on behalf of the Court and your brother members.

Conducts Junior Past Chief Ranger to his station.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will call the names of the officers-elect; who, as they are called, will assemble in front of the altar, facing this station. The position of the Chief Ranger-elect will be at the head of the line, which will form on my right and in front of the Past Chief Ranger's station extend in a semi-circle across the room in front of the altar.

Chief Ranger or any other officer who is re-elected is installed the same as upon first election. Herald calls names from his position on the floor in front of the Recording Secretary's desk.

Herald—(*When the officers-elect are properly assembled.*) Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present for installation the officers-elect.

D. G. C. R.—★ ★ ★ We will sing the first verse of the installation ode.

INSTALLATION ODE.

Tune—*Auld Lang Syne.*

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle staff is also in common time and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). A tempo marking 'P.M.' is placed above the top staff. A section label 'FINR. CHORUS.' is centered between the middle and bottom staves. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

1
Come let us swell the joyful note,
And hail our chosen band;
Who in accordance with our vote,
Tonight before us stand;
Our Chief and Sub Chief Ranger now
To seats of honor move.
To guide our Order through the term
In confidence and love.

2
Hail all our officers-elect,
Of high and low degree;
Hail each with due and kind respect,
Whate'er his station be.
We place our progress in their hands,
And trust that they will find
Us subject to all their commands,
All steadfast, true and kind.

D. G. C. R.—★ Brothers, are you each willing to assume the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

Each officer will answer in turn.

D. G. C. R.—Brothers of Court is there any reason why these officers or any one of them should not be installed?

If there are no objections.

D. G. C. R.—(*From his station.*) My brothers, I congratulate you upon your election as officers of this Court, freely chosen, to administer the affairs during your respective terms of office. The constitution of our Order provides three distinct branches of government—the Court, the Grand Court, and the Supreme Court—each in a degree independent of the other and self-governing, but

all emanating from one and the same source, the members at large, the foundation of all legitimate power. The Court, as the basis of the rest of the superstructure, first claims and deserves attention. Here are taught the principles of duty and obedience, for here the practice of self-government is in full and constant operation. In the Court and before the law, no one is greater than another. All meet here on terms of perfect equality. It will be your duty in the same degree as it is the ordinary member's duty to observe these principles and obey the laws. Qualify yourselves to perform well your part and guard the interests of the Order.

D. G. C. R.—You will each place yourself in position to take the obligation which you will repeat as I administer. ★★★

Officers place themselves in position.

D. G. C. R.—(*Leaves his station. Is joined on floor by Herald who takes with him the officers' regalias and, together, they proceed to altar.*) I,....., having been elected an officer of this Court, do most solemnly and sincerely promise, to the best of my ability, to faithfully perform the duties of my office in accordance with all the requirements of the Foresters of America. I promise to support, sustain, and abide by the Constitution and General Laws of the Order, the Grand Court Laws of the State, and the By-Laws of this Court. I will carefully guard and conserve all moneys, books, records, securities, or other property of this Court or the Order which may be entrusted to me, and will deliver same to my successor or any other duly authorized member or officer upon demand. I make these pledges freely and bind myself upon my honor as a man to keep them.

Deputy Grand Chief Ranger returns to station. Herald remains at altar facing the officers.

D. G. C. R.—★ The obligation you have just taken is a solemn promise to perform your full duty and no one can expect more. You are pledged to Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, which, if practiced, will lead to higher and nobler achievements. The Herald will invest each of you with the regalia of your office.

Herald invests officers with regalia, beginning with the Trustees, after which he assumes his position between the altar and the Chief Ranger facing the officers.

D. G. C. R.—★★★ We will sing the second verse of the installation ode.

INSTALLATION ODE.

Tune—Auld Lang Syne.

P.M. CHORUS.

P.M.

1

Come let us swell the joyful note,
And hail our chosen band;
Who in accordance with our vote,
Tonight before us stand;
Our Chief and Sub Chief Ranger now
To seats of honor move.
To guide our Order through the term
In confidence and love.

2

Hail all our officers-elect,
Of high and low degree;
Hail each with due and kind respect,
Whate'er his station be.
We place our progress in their hands,
And trust that they will find
Us subject to all their commands,
All steadfast, true and kind.

D. G. C. R.—★

Herald—Brothers, you are each invested with regalia of the office to which you have been elected. Your knowledge of our laws and regulations makes your duty plain and lightens the burdens to which you otherwise would be subject. Do your share to make our Court room a common ground upon which the sons of toil and the children of leisure may meet to receive and impart instructions. Our meeting place ought to be preserved as a temple sacred to friendship, where envious feelings shall have no place, and where the only aim shall be to minister to the welfare and happiness of the brotherhood.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will now conduct you to your respective stations.

Herald does so, beginning with the Trustees.

When officers have been taken to stations, the Herald takes his position in front of the altar.

Herald—(*From in front of the altar.*) Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the officers are at their stations.

D. G. C. R.—★ ★ ★ Worthy Chief Ranger, your officers are installed and at their stations. Nothing remains but for you to assume charge of the Court. I place in your possession the charter, by virtue of which the Court will hold its meetings, and the rituals, which teach our ceremonies, the cipher book and key to our secret work. For their safe custody you are responsible. I also present this gavel, the symbol of authority (*hands Chief Ranger gavel*), with the firm belief that the judgment and discretion of your Brothers in placing you in this high position is a sufficient guarantee that you will use it fairly in governing the Court. You will please assume your station.

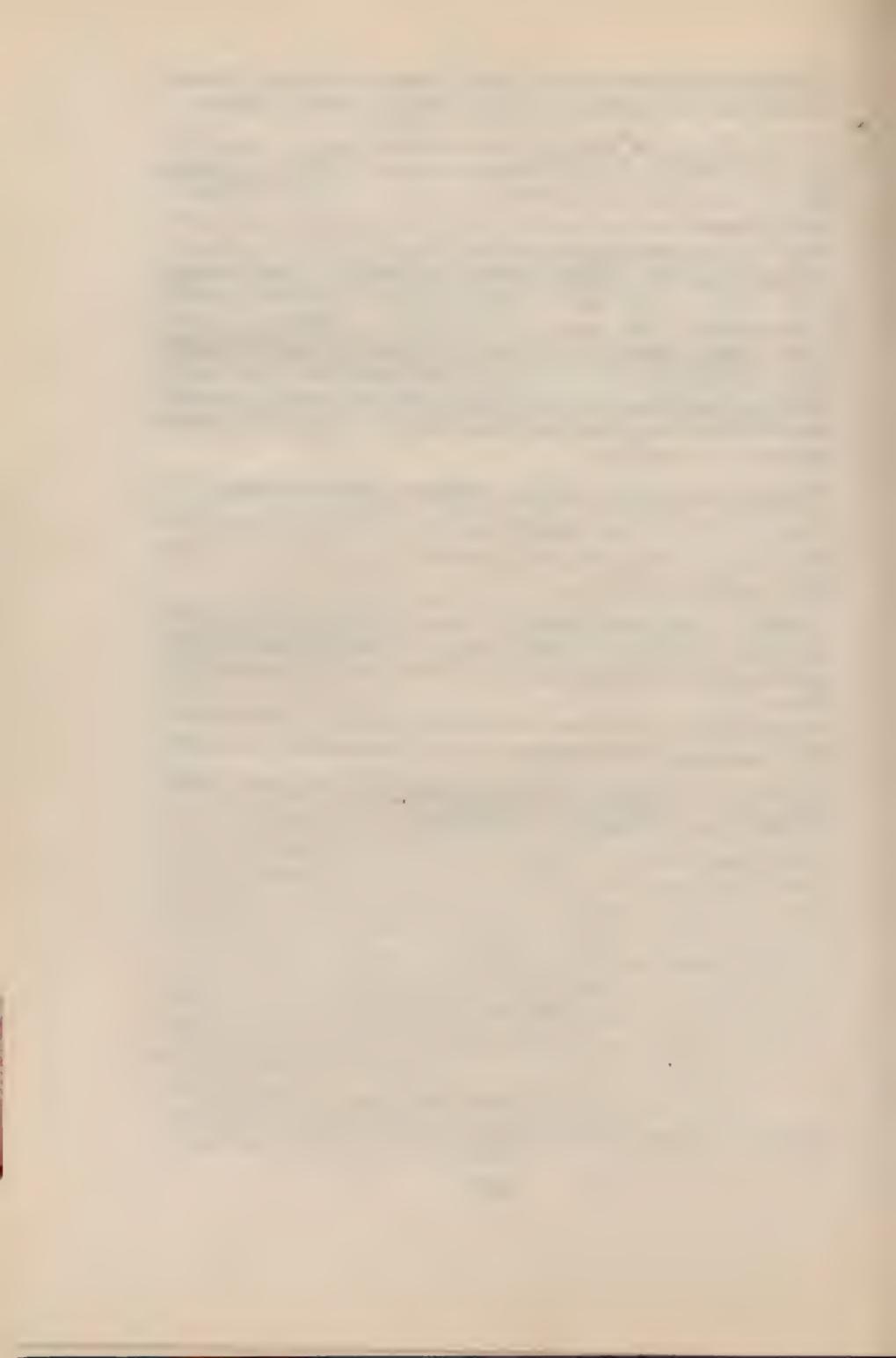
Deputy steps to left and Chief Ranger assumes station.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will declare the ceremony of installation concluded and the officers of this Court duly and legally installed.

Herald—(*From in front of the altar.*) By command of the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I hereby declare the ceremony of installation concluded, and the officers of Court....., No....., duly and legally installed for the ensuing term, in conformity with the laws and customs of the Foresters of America.

D. G. C. R.—May peace, prosperity and progress mark the career of this Court for all time!

C. R.—★



Public Installation
of
Subordinate Court Officers

The Grand Chief Ranger or Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, when officers are publicly installed, shall be assisted by an Acting Grand Officer (for each officer to be installed), and a Herald.

The instructions governing Private Installations also apply to Public Installations.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION

C. R.—Brother Senior Beadle, ascertain if the Installing Officers are in attendance.

Senior Beadle gives ★ ★ ★. If answered, ★ ★ ★.

S. B.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger and Installing Officers are in waiting.

C. R.—The Junior Past Chief Ranger will retire and inform the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger and his staff that the officers of this Court for the ensuing term await installation.

Junior Past Chief Ranger retires in form, using military salute. When the Installing Officers are ready, Junior Past Chief Ranger gives alarm. ★ ★ ★

S. B.—Worthy Chief Ranger, the Junior Past Chief Ranger, with the installing officers, seeks admission.

C. R.—Admit them. ★ ★ ★ ★

Enter Junior Past Chief Ranger, Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, Installing Officers and Herald in form.

J. P. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I take pleasure in presenting the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger and his staff. (*Military salute.*)

D. G. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, we are ready to install the officers of this Court for the ensuing term. Are they in readiness?

C. R.—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the officers for the ensuing term are in readiness and await installation.

Junior Past Chief Ranger conducts Deputy Grand Chief Ranger to Chief Ranger's place. Herald and staff remain at altar.

D. G. C. R.—★ The retiring officers will surrender to the Herald any and all property, books and securities in their possession belonging to the Court, and vacate their respective stations, to be occupied by the Grand In-

stalling Officers. The Recording Secretary will furnish the Herald with a list of the officers-elect. The installing officers will be escorted by the Junior Past Chief Ranger to their respective stations. Those present will please observe order.

Installing officers are escorted to the stations vacated by the Court officers. Herald collects regalia, bank book, securities, etc., and places them on desk near Deputy Grand Chief Ranger. Recording Secretary furnishes list of officers-elect. Chief Ranger remains standing on the dais. Herald takes a position immediately in front of Recording Secretary's desk and remains standing.

If Chief Ranger is entitled to the honors, he is installed as Junior Past Chief Ranger.

D. G. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, I am pleased to inform you that you are now the Junior Past Chief Ranger of this Court. It is a position highly honorable to him who has discharged the duties of Chief Ranger so faithfully and with the judgment and discretion that you have used. No office is too high for you to aspire to and you will merit the highest by continuing to show that no duty is too humble for you to perform. The Herald will invest you with the regalia of office and officially proclaim you duly and legally installed.

Herald—(*Investing Junior Past Chief Ranger with regalia.*) In proclaiming you officially installed as Junior Past Chief Ranger of this Court, I invest you with the regalia of office and hope you will continue your activities on behalf of the Court and your brother members.

Conducts Junior Past Chief Ranger to his station.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will call the names of the officers-elect; who, as they are called, will assemble in front of the altar, facing this station. The position of the Chief Ranger-elect will be at the head of the line, which will form on my right and in front of the Past Chief Ranger's station extending in a semi-circle across the room in front of the altar.

Herald calls names from his position on the floor in front of the Recording Secretary's desk.

Herald—(*When the officers-elect are properly assembled.*) Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present for installation the officers-elect.

D. G. C. R.—★★★ We will sing the first verse of the installation ode.

INSTALLATION ODE.

Tune—Auld Lang Syne.



1

Come let us swell the joyful note,
And hail our chosen band;
Who in accordance with our vote,
Tonight before us stand;
Our Chief and Sub Chief Ranger now
To seats of honor move.
To guide our Order through the term
In confidence and love.

2

Hail all our officers-elect,
Of high and low degree;
Hail each with due and kind respect,
Whate'er his station be.
We place our progress in their hands,
And trust that they will find
Us subject to all their commands,
All steadfast, true and kind.

D. G. C. R.—★ Brothers, are you each willing to assume the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

Each officer will answer in turn.

D. G. C. R.—Brothers of Court.....
No....., is there any reason why these officers or any one of them should not be installed?

If there are no objections:

D. G. C. R.—(*From his station.*) My brothers, I congratulate you upon your election as officers of this Court, freely chosen, to administer the affairs during your respective terms of office. The constitution of our Order provides three distinct branches of government—the Court, the Grand Court, and the Supreme Court—each, in a degree, independent of the other, and self-governing,

But all emanating from one and the same source, the members at large, the foundation of all legitimate power. The Court, as the basis of the rest of the superstructure, first claims and deserves attention. Here are taught the principles of duty and obedience, for here the practice of self-government is in full and constant operation. In the Court and before the law, no one is greater than another. All meet here on terms of perfect equality. It will be your duty in the same degree as it is the ordinary member's duty to observe these principles and obey the laws. Qualify yourself to perform well your part and guard the interests of the Order.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will escort the Chief Ranger-elect to a position in front of this station.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I have the honor to present Brother....., the Chief Ranger-elect of this Court.

D. G. C. R.—(*To Chief Ranger-elect.*) You will place yourself in position to take the obligation which you will repeat as I administer. ★★★

D. G. C. R.—(*From his station.*) I, having been elected Chief Ranger of this Court, do most solemnly and sincerely promise to faithfully perform, to the best of my ability, the duties of my office. I promise to support, sustain and abide by the Constitution and General Laws of the Order, the Grand Court Laws of the State, and the by-laws of this Court. I will carefully guard and conserve all moneys, books, records, securities or other property of this Court or the Order which may be entrusted to me, and will deliver same to my successor or any other duly authorized officer or member. I make these pledges freely and bind myself upon my honor as a man to keep them.

D. G. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the Chief Ranger with the regalia of his office and conduct him to this station.

Herald—(*Investing Chief Ranger with regalia of office.*) Your knowledge of our laws and regulations makes your duty plain and lightens the burdens to which you other-

wise would be subject. Do your share to make our Court room a common ground upon which the sons of toil and the children of leisure may meet to receive and impart instructions. Please be seated at the right of the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present for installation the Sub Chief Ranger-elect.

Herald—The Sub Chief Ranger of this Court, Brother is ready to be installed.

D. G. C. R.—Brother you are familiar with the laws and principles of our Order and know that the path of distinction is open to all. You are to assist the Chief Ranger and, in his absence, act in his stead and be subject to the same responsibilities. You will place yourself in position to take the obligation.

★★★

Herald places Sub Chief Ranger in proper position to take the obligation.

I, having been elected Sub Chief Ranger of this Court, do solemnly promise that I will, to the best of my ability, promote the general welfare of this Court and of the Order. I will endeavor to act with impartiality on all matters connected with the office to which I have been elected, and consider myself subject to the same restrictions and under like obligations as the Chief Ranger. In token thereof, I pledge my word of honor.

D. G. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the Sub Chief Ranger with the regalia of office and conduct him to this station.

Herald—Worthy Sub Chief Ranger, it is my pleasant duty to invest you with the regalia of your office. May you surrender the position to your successor satisfied that you have proven faithful to the trust reposed in you.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present the Brothers who have been elected to the offices of Treasurer, Financial and Recording Secretaries to take the obligation.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I take pleasure in introducing Brothers, who have been elected Treasurer, Financial, and Recording Secretaries of this Court.

D. G. C. R.—My Brothers, you will place yourselves in position and repeat the obligation. ★★★

"I,, (*each will repeat his name*), having been elected to the office of (*each will give the title of his office*), do solemnly and sincerely promise that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of (*each will give the title of his office*), until the installation of my successor. I will sustain, abide by and obey the laws of the Order and will deliver to my successor or to such person as shall be duly authorized to receive the same, all money, books, records, securities or property of this Court or the Order, in my possession. I make this promise on the honor of a man who respects the value of truth and desires to retain the esteem and confidence of his fellow men."

D. G. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the Brothers with the regalia of their offices and conduct them to their respective stations.

Herald—My Brothers, it is a pleasure to invest each of you with the regalia of office. (*Invests with regalia.*) Upon the prompt and faithful discharge of your duties largely depends the welfare and prosperity of this Court. It should be your ambition to leave for your successor a good example and a clear and faithful record. Please assume your stations.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present the Lecturer-elect for installation.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I have the pleasure to present to you Brother, who has been elected Lecturer of this Court.

D. G. C. R.—★★★ Brother, you will place yourself in position and repeat the following obligation:

"I, having been elected Lecturer of this Court, do solemnly and sincerely promise that I will further, to the best of my ability, the general welfare of this Court and of the Order."

D. G. C. R.—★ The Herald will invest the Lecturer with the regalia of office and conduct him to his station.

Herald—(*After investing with regalia.*) Brother Lecturer, by direction of the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I invest you with the regalia of your high and important office. You will please accompany me to your station.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present at this station the Senior and Junior Woodwards.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the Senior and Junior Woodwards await installation.

D. G. C. R.—Brothers, the offices to which you have been elected are important and responsible. I congratulate you upon being made the instrument for relieving our sick and suffering Brothers. May your advent into every household where you are called in the line of duty be like a ray of sunshine to dispel the gloom and bring joy to the unfortunate!

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will invest you with the regalia of office and conduct you to your stations.

Herald—(*After investing with regalia.*) Brothers, the pleasing duty devolves upon me to invest each of you with the regalia of office. May the true principles of liberty and unity make you welcome visitors to the sick chamber in extending benevolence to our suffering and afflicted brothers! I shall now conduct you to your stations. (*Does so.*)

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present the Senior and Junior Beadles.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, it is with pleasure I present the Senior and Junior Beadles.

D. G. C. R.—Brothers, your positions are responsible, for upon you depends the privacy of our meetings. You should be prompt at all meetings of the Court, guard well

the portals, and examine all who enter. You will not permit any Brother to depart during a session of the Court without complying with the customs of our Order. Do you faithfully promise so to do?

Beadle—I do.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will invest you with the regalia of your office and conduct you to your stations.

Herald—(*After investing with regalia.*) Brothers, by direction of our Worthy Deputy, I invest you with the regalia of your offices. May fraternal feelings, brotherly love, and a cheerful disposition be your characteristics throughout your official term! Be pleased to assume your stations.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will present the Trustee (*or Trustees*) elect.

Herald—Worthy Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, the Trustee (*or the Trustees*) elect await your pleasure.

D. G. C. R.—Brother (*or Brothers*), the office to which you have been elected is of importance. It will be your duty from time to time to examine into the investments of the Court and see that the securities are safe. You will have general supervision over the funds and all Court property. Will you promise to faithfully perform these and all other duties assigned to you to the best of your ability?

Trustee—I do.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will invest the Trustee (*or Trustees*) with the regalia of his (*or their*) office and conduct him (*or them*) to his (*or their*) station.

Herald—(*After investing with regalia.*) Brother (*or Brethren*), you are invested with the regalia of your office. Let your deportment be such as to command respect and esteem for yourself which will influence the members of this Court to hold you in honorable remembrance. I shall now conduct you to your station.

Herald takes position in front of altar.

D. G. C. R.—Permit me to say to the officers of this Court that the obligation you have taken is a solemn promise to perform your full duty and no one can expect more. You are pledged to Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, which, if practiced, will benefit the Order and lead to higher and nobler achievements. We will now sing the second verse of the installation ode. ★★★

INSTALLATION ODE.

Tune—Auld Lang Syne.

FINE. CHORUS.

1

Come let us swell the joyful note,
And hail our chosen band;
Who in accordance with our vote,
Tonight before us stand;
Our Chief and Sub Chief Ranger now
To seats of honor move.
To guide our Order through the term
In confidence and love.

2

Hail all our officers-elect,
Of high and low degree;
Hail each with due and kind respect,
Whate'er his station be.
We place our progress in their hands,
And trust that they will find
Us subject to all their commands,
All steadfast, true and kind.

D. G. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, your officers are installed and at their stations. Nothing remains but for you to assume charge of the Court. I place in your possession the charter, by virtue of which the Court will hold its meetings, the rituals which teach our ceremonies, the cipher book and key to our secret work. For their safe custody you are responsible. I also present this gavel, the symbol of authority (*hands Chief Ranger gavel*), with the firm belief that the judgment and discretion of your Brothers in placing you in this high position is a sufficient guarantee that you will use it fairly in governing the Court. You will please assume your station.

Deputy steps to left and Chief Ranger assumes station.

D. G. C. R.—The Herald will declare the ceremony of installation concluded and the officers of this Court duly and legally installed.

Herald—(*From in front of the altar.*) By command of the Deputy Grand Chief Ranger, I hereby declare the ceremony of installation concluded, and the officers of Court No., duly and legally installed for the ensuing term, in conformity with the laws and customs of the Foresters of America.

D. G. C. R.—May peace, prosperity and progress mark the career of this Court for all time.

C. R.—★

Induction of Honorary Members

This ceremony can be conducted any time during the evening *except* in opening or under "Good and Welfare" or while other business is regularly before the meeting.

CEREMONY

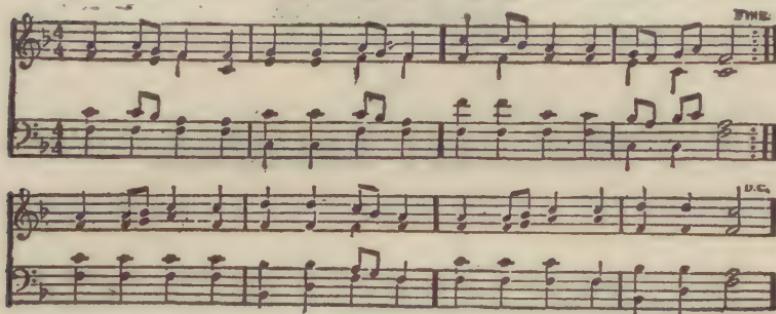
Honorary membership may be conferred, by vote of the Court, upon persons who have rendered the Order some particular and distinct service. Honorary members are not required to pay dues. They must take the obligation. They are entitled to a voice under good and welfare.

When the person upon whom honorary membership has been conferred is announced as being in waiting, the Chief Ranger shall appoint a committee of two to escort him into the meeting room. The committee, on returning with the honorary member, shall do so in due form. As the committee enters:

C. R.—★ ★ ★ We will sing the Welcome Ode.

WELCOME ODE.

Tune—Greenville, 8s & 7s.



1
Welcome, brothers, welcome ever,
To our Court in friendship's name,
Here we greet you kindly, brother,
Trusting you will do the same.
All our hopes are one in union,
All our strength may we unite.
Then let us meet in sweet communion
Ready ever to do right.

2
May our Order always prosper,
Grow in strength and common sense,
Help the sick that none may suffer,
While we have benevolence.
May our Courts prove always blessings,
To each brother thus afford
Peace instead of want distressing,
While we dwell in sweet Concord.

At the conclusion of the *first* verse of the Welcome Ode the Chairman of the Committee introduces the honorary member to the Chief Ranger, who responds in turn, by introducing him to the members and extending a few words of welcome after which—

C. R.—★ (*Leaving his station and proceeding to the altar.*) Mr. (name and title, if any), it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you and convey the information that you have been elected a member of this Court and you are now standing on the threshold of the Foresters of America. Our mem-

bers hold you in high esteem; we are honored by your presence and we shall be benefited as you advise and counsel us. We appreciate the splendid service you are daily rendering; it is men like you upon whom the future relies and upon whom the nations depend. Our Order, the Foresters of America, is an institution founded on the principle of Benevolence. It affords friendly and social intercourse, bestows enduring friendships, and is established to provide relief in sickness, burial at death, and to inspire its members with a proper recognition of the stern realities of life. We ask you to subscribe to these ideals and to assist us in our work. Our members are required to take an obligation, giving us assurance that they will live in accordance with the requirements of the brotherhood. There is no confliction in this obligation with any duty you owe to your God; our country; your neighbor, or yourself. Are you willing to proceed?

Candidate answers.

C. R.—Our esteemed member will be placed in proper position to take the obligation of a Forester of America.

The proper position is (No. 3 in cipher book).

S. C. R.—★★★

C. R.—(*To candidate.*) You will repeat your name and say after me, in a loud, clear voice so all may hear: I, (*Chief Ranger does not use his name, but pauses to allow candidate to use his own name*), of my own free will and accord—do most sincerely—promise and declare—that I will—faithfully abide—by the laws,—rules—and regulations—of the Supreme Court, Grand Court—and of this Court—of the Foresters of America—as are now in force—or as they may be—hereafter enacted—or amended—and that I will—to the best of my ability—live up—to the principles—of this Order. I will never communicate—to any person or persons—not entitled—to a knowledge thereof—in any way—any of the secret work—of the Order. I will regard all—that transpires—in the meetings of this Court—or any other—with which I may—hereafter affiliate—as sacredly confidential—and will not—impart same—to any person—not entitled—to know thereof. I will never

wrong a Brother—and will—respect his family—as though it were my own. I will—to the extent of my ability—aid a Brother in distress—and assist—the widows and orphans—of deceased Brothers. I will—so far as I am able—attend the meetings of this Court—and do everything in my power—to promote its welfare. I make this pledge—on the honor of a man—who respects—the value of truth—and it shall be binding on me—as long as life shall last.

He is now instructed to resume his former position and the Chief Ranger returns to his station.

C. R.—★ (*From his station.*) My Brother, you have taken the obligation and you are now a member of the Foresters of America. I trust you will become a useful member of our Fraternity and a worthy addition to our Court. This Order is not dependent upon mere rites and ceremonies, intended, perhaps, to captivate the imagination, but is based on high and noble principles. It comprehends lessons of ethical importance. Its purpose is to cultivate the sentiment of a common brotherhood; to promote a lofty conception of manhood, and to teach the obligations of man to his fellow man. It seeks to inspire a love for all that is good, beautiful and true in life and to fill the heart with an ardent desire to reach the highest degree of perfection. Our motto is Liberty, Unity, Benevolence, and Concord. We have dedicated ourselves to these lofty principles and stand shoulder to shoulder in the furtherance of our mission. We welcome you with all our heart and we feel you will find in this Court true companions, true friends and true fraternalists.

It is proper that you should be instructed in our secret work and if you will kindly pay attention I will do so.

Desiring admission, you will, upon approaching the outer door, give . . . (No. 4), which will be answered by the Junior Beadle's raising the wicket or opening the door, to whom you will present your credentials and give, in a low whisper, the password. (*Instructs one member of the committee to communicate the password.*) If satisfied, he will permit you to enter the anteroom where you will clothe yourself with a member's regalia. (*Directs*

one member of the committee to clothe him with a member's regalia.) The Junior Beadle will advance to the inner door and give this alarm (No. 6), which will be answered by the Senior Beadle with (No. 7). The wicket will be opened and you will be announced to the Senior Beadle, who will admit you. Upon entering, you will walk in a line parallel with the length of the room until opposite the altar; then you will wheel at right angles. As you approach the altar you will observe the American Flag, before which you will stop and salute in this fashion (*exemplifies hand salute*), after which you will proceed to the center of the altar, from which point you will attract the attention of the Chief Ranger by saying, "Worthy Chief Ranger," and make this sign (No. 8), which is known as the *Salutation Sign*. The Chief Ranger will answer you with the countersign, which is (No. 9). You will then be seated. Members are not permitted to cross from one side of the Court room to the other without first passing in front of the altar and giving the Salutation Sign except when the entrance to the meeting room is at the left of the Sub Chief Ranger and in that event they are permitted to cross the room to properly approach the flag. The voting sign is the uplifted right hand, palm out, elevation on a line with the eyes.

Wishing to retire while the Court is in session, you will approach the altar at right angles and use this sign (No. 16). You will be answered by the Chief Ranger with this sign (No. 17), indicating, "My mouth is closed in secrecy." You will then step in front of the flag, salute this way (*hand salute*), and retire at right angles. On approaching the altar to give the retiring sign you must not pass directly in front of the flag. I will now acquaint you with the use of the gavel. One ★ rap calls the members to order, or seats them when standing; two ★★ raps call the officers to a standing position; three ★★★ raps mean that all must arise; four ★★★★ raps announce the entrance of a high official; one ★ rap seats all. The committee will escort Brother.....to this station.

Committee escorts the honorary member to a position in front of the Chief Ranger and the Committee retires.

C. R.—My Brother, with membership in this Order, you have certain duties to perform before you can claim the full benefit of a true fraternity. A man cannot be a good member of an organization unless he knows and understands the obligations he owes society. If one has no friends to share or rejoice in his success in life, if one cannot look back to those to whom he owes gratitude or forward to those to whom he owes protection, it is nonetheless incumbent upon him to move steadily in the path of duty. One's best efforts are due not only to society, but in humble gratitude, to the Creator who made him a member of society, with powers to serve one's self and others. We receive you as a member (*shake hands*); you are among friends; and we hope you will continue to merit our confidence. We believe that you sought admittance from lofty motives and that you are sincere in your intentions to become a helpful member. I present you with this certificate showing that you are an Honorary Member of this Court (*presents an honorary member's certificate*) and I cordially and fraternally invite you to a seat on my right.

Honorary member sits at the right of the Chief Ranger.

C. R.—★ We will now proceed with the regular order of business.

Electing and Welcoming a Clearance Member

In New Business

Any member drawing his clearance shall pay his dues to date and six months in advance. To join another Court he makes application in the regular way, pays a fee of \$5.00 and accompanies the same with his clearance certificate. His application for membership is handled in the same way and subject to the same conditions as that of a new member, including medical examination. The Court that issued the certificate is responsible for his claims and funeral assessments for a period of six months. He begins to pay dues in the receiving Court six months from the date of his clearance certificate.

INDUCTION OF A CLEARANCE MEMBER

C. R.—★ The Recording Secretary will present the application of Brother who has applied for membership by clearance certificate.

Recording Secretary does so.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, have all the requirements of the laws been observed in this application and has the Brother been favorably reported upon by the Examining Physician?

Financial Secretary answers.

C. R.—★ All the requirements governing the admission of clearance having been observed, it is my order that the ballot be spread upon the admission or rejection of Brother who desires to affiliate with this Court through clearance certificate. The Brother will be balloted for with printed or written "Yes" or "No" ballots and if two-thirds of the ballots cast are "Yes," he shall be declared elected. The Senior Woodward will prepare the ballot, after which the Brethren will proceed to vote.

Senior Woodward prepares a ballot box (*not the regular box used for the election of candidates*) and places same on the altar. He takes his position as if it were an election for a new candidate and allows only one member at a time to pass him.

C. R.—★ Have all voted who wish—I declare the ballot closed. The Senior Woodward will present the ballot to the Sub Chief Ranger, who will canvass same. The ballot will then be brought at this station for verification.

Senior Woodward presents the ballot to the Sub Chief Ranger who counts the "Yes" and "No" votes. The ballot is then taken to the Chief Ranger who determines the result.

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, how do you find the ballot?

S. C. R.—(*Arising.*) I find the ballot clear (*or not clear, as the case may be*).

C. R.—I too find the ballot clear (*or not clear, as the case may be*), and declare (*if the ballot is clear*) Brother duly and legally elected to become a member of this Court.

If the applicant by clearance is not elected, he must be so notified and his clearance certificate returned to him.

C. R.—Brother having been elected a member of this Court, I request Brother to present him before the altar for an official notification and welcome.

The clearance member will be escorted to the altar.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ It is my pleasant duty to inform you that you have been elected a member of this Court, and on behalf of the officers and brethren I cordially extend a fraternal welcome. I am sure our Court will, from time to time, be benefited by your advice and strengthened by your activity. It shall be our purpose to work with you and we realize that you will work with us. (*Leaves his station, approaches the altar, extends his hand and continues.*) In extending my hand, permit me to assure you that with it goes the goodfellowship of this Court, the kindly feeling of the members and their best wishes for your success, prosperity and happiness. You will now please be seated.

Chief Ranger returns to his station and clearance member is escorted to a seat by the member who presented him at the altar.

C. R.—★ The ceremony of welcoming our new member having been completed, we will now resume business where we left off.

Memorial Service

(For meeting room or public hall)

Second Sunday in October

(Date changed from June to October August 28, 1917)

The ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Past Chief Ranger
Financial Secretary
Quartette
Necessary Talent

DIRECTIONS

These services are prepared and published as a Memorial to those who have passed away. They are intended for either meeting room or in public hall, and are to be observed on the Second Sunday in October of each year, which has been set aside as Memorial Day.

The service can be performed by the regular officers or a team selected to fill these stations. A choir of not less than four should also be selected. It is preferable that the lines be committed to memory, which makes a more effective rendition and produces the solemnity required for the occasion. The choir ought to be chosen with care, and they only are to do the singing. The selection by the choir (*after the prayer*) is left to those arranging for the Memorial, but it should be a selection appropriate for the occasion.

The words of the "Vacant Chair" to be sung by the choir after the "roll call" are herewith provided. The selection by the choir at the close of the ceremony is again left to those in charge.

The title of the officers apply to those selected to fill the various stations.

When the time arrives for the services to be opened and quietness has been observed (*if held in a regular room, those who are to conduct same will occupy the station incident to the title of their office; if in a public hall, the conducting officers will occupy seats in a semi-circle on the stage, as shown in the accompanying diagram*), the following will be the course of procedure:

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Formation for Public Hall

X *TRUSTEE* X *TRUSTEE* X *J.R.B.* X *J.R.W.* X *LECT.* X *S.C.R.* X *S.P.W.* X *S.R.B.* X *TRUSTEE* X *TRUSTEE* X *TRUSTEE*

R.S.
TABLE

SPEAKER

X

C.R.
TABLE

F.S.
TABLE

TREAS
TABLE

FRONT OF STAGE

C. R.—★ One of the holiest services of the Order is that which we devote to the memories of those who have passed away. No selfish thought or impulse can enter here. Our purpose is not colored or tainted by any hope of personal gratification or reward. Pure emotions impel us and inspire our devotion, as we consecrate this brief period of time to the memory of our absent Brothers.

In accordance, therefore, with our custom we withdraw apart from the world, its ambitions and its strifes, to offer up on this occasion the pure incense of our souls upon the altar here erected to the memory of those who have gone.

Let us forget, for a short space, all else. Let us leave behind every selfish thought. Let us recall and dwell upon their noble and lofty qualities.

Thus inspired and sanctified, I now declare this memorial service to our deceased Brothers opened in due form.

As every great ceremony in life should begin with prayer, our Brother Lecturer (*selected for that purpose*) will now invoke the blessing of God. ★★★

Lecturer—Oh, thou Most High and Holy One, vouchsafe, we pray Thee, Thy sanction, Thy blessing and Thine aid to this our humble endeavor to honor the memories of those of our Brothers whose work among us has been finished. Endue us with pure hearts and thoughts so that when we gaze into the glass of memory it may not be tarnished or dulled by the reflection of any selfish or impure emotion. Grant Thy holy blessing upon all our services, upon our Officers and Brothers, and upon all who take part in them, that they may be acceptable in Thy sight as a pure and sincere offering to the memory of our dear Brothers who have gone before. Amen.

C. R.—★

Choir—(*Appropriate selection.*)

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, you will now call the honored roll of our departed Brothers.

F. S.—(*Calls the roll.*)

As each name is called some Brother who has been previously selected will answer "Absent."

Choir—(*"Vacant Chair."*)

THE VACANT CHAIR.

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top two staves are in common time (C) and the bottom staff is in 2/4 time (2/4). The first two staves begin with a treble clef and a bass clef, respectively, both in C major. The third staff begins with a bass clef in G major. The music includes various note heads, stems, and rests, with some notes connected by beams. The first two staves end with a repeat sign and a bassoon part. The third staff ends with a bassoon part and a bassoon solo section. The word "CHORUS" is written above the first two staves, and "FINE" is written at the end of the third staff.

When our thanks to God are given
For our daily bread, and stay,
As around the table gathered,
Gray hair'd father bids us pray,
There's the vacant chair before us,
Of the boy who went away,
Mother's hand its back caressing,
When the blessing's asked each day.

Chorus:

Empty the chair on mother's right,
That's where our Tom used to sit;
Still it is guarded, kept in sight,
For Tom was her favorite.
Come back, my boy, and take your place,
There's always a welcome there;
Many a sigh 'round the once jolly board,
At sight of the vacant chair.

He is sleeping 'neath the water,
Ne'er again they'll see his face,
But remembered with the heroes,
Who gain'd glory for our race;
Now the cruel war is over,
Past the fierce and raging fray,
And a mother fond is grieving,
For the boy who went away.

C. R.—Brother Past Chief Ranger, will you explain the character and purpose of this memorial service?

P. C. R.—We meet to remember, not to mourn. We hold a memorial service, not a Lodge of Sorrow. It is no occasion for grief when a Brother has completed his work with credit and honor. We deplore the loss of his comradeship and his aid; we miss his smile and his hearty, friendly grasp, the inspiration and the joy of his companionship; but we may not selfishly wish to weigh these personal pleasures against his completed career; against the crowning of the column of his work among us by the beautiful capital of honor, against the benediction which awaits him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Therefore, we devote this service and these sacred hours to communion with our departed Brothers; to honoring their memories and keeping them bright and pure.

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, what duties do these services recall?

S. C. R.—While we recall our honored dead, we may not forget our duties to the living. To our Order we owe loyalty and love. To our comrades we owe fidelity and honor, friendly aid and good cheer. To those who may be dependent upon our bounty we owe kindness, charity, and the sympathetic as well as the helping hand.

C. R.—★ ★ ★ My Brothers, are we all of one accord in these services?

All—We are all of one accord.

C. R.—Being, then, all of one accord and our hearts purified of every sordid and selfish thought and desire, we now devote these services under the gracious blessing of Heaven to the memory of our departed Brothers. ★

Here the speaker is invited to deliver an address or eulogy and the rest of the program arranged (which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, etc.) is carried out.

Closing

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, in these services, has all been done with honor and with love?

S. C. R.—All our services have been so marked and blessed.

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, has the roll of our dead been once more inscribed upon our hearts?

F. S.—All their names are once more faithfully inscribed upon our hearts and memories.

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, have the objects of this service been by us in all things faithfully borne in mind?

Lecturer—By the blessing of Heaven they have. For a short space we have dwelt in communion with the memories of our departed Brothers and have enjoyed the holiest and happiest thoughts.

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, before we close these services and depart, will you invoke the benediction of the Most High upon us and upon our humble endeavors thus to honor the memory of our departed Brothers? ★★★

Lecturer—Most High and Holy One, look down, we humbly pray, and bless this, our labor of love. Grant that all which has been said and done and thought of here may meet with Thy gracious benediction, and as we go forth, may we carry with us into life and action and all our duties and responsibilities Thy highest and most holy blessings. Amen.

C. R.—Blessed, we trust, by the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Universe; purified, we are sure, by the unselfish moments which we have spent here: let us go forth, cherishing the beloved memories of our departed Brothers, and with renewed charity and affection for those who remain; and may God be with us till we meet again. ★

Choir—(*Appropriate selection.*)

Memorial Service in Cemetery

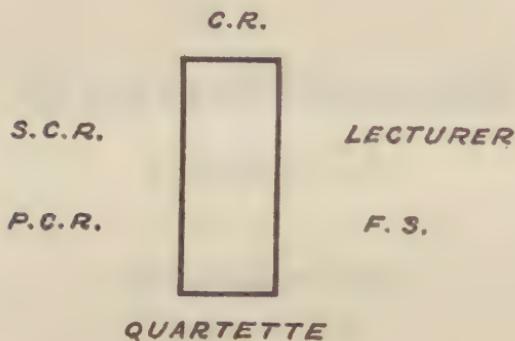
First Sunday in June

To be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Quartette
Financial Secretary
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Lecturer

SERVICES

When the cemetery is reached the formation will be as below outlined; the Chief Ranger at the head of the grave. The members will form on both sides of the grave sufficiently far back to permit the officiating officers to stand close to the mound.



C. R.—Observing the traditions of our ancient fraternity and inspired by the memory of those who lie at rest, we have on this occasion assembled among these tombstones and this quiet “city of the dead” to again decorate the graves of our members with continued love and affection. We deplore their lost comradeship and miss their smile, their friendly grasp and their association, but we do not weigh these personal pleasures against their completed careers. We, therefore, meet to remember and not to mourn—to hold a memorial service over these monarchs of our society made so by their mortality, whose thrones are tombs; who are robed with the royal purple of the autumn haze and sceptered with the rod of mystery while we who are in life look in the melting, growing, shifting mist into which we must all penetrate and which finally leads us to that intangible, view-closing wall that bounds this life. We know that our members who rest beneath the sod have but dropped their robes of clay to put their shining raiment on; they

have not wandered far away, they are not "lost" nor "gone." We will now in their memory and for our own good proceed with our ritualistic ceremony.

Quartette—(Appropriate selection.)

C. R.—Brother Financial Secretary, you will call the roll.

F. S.—(*Calls roll of dead.*) As each name is called a Brother who has been previously selected will answer "*Absent.*"

Quartette—"Vacant Chair."

P. C. R.—Our absent Brothers are resting upon the silent shore of memory, images and precious thoughts that shall not die and cannot be destroyed. There is no death! What seems so is transition. This life of mortal breath is but a suburb of the life Elysian whose portals we call death.

C. R.—Brother Past Chief Ranger, what are the lessons of today?

P. C. R.—Life rightly conceived and properly understood must be appreciated as God's choicest and richest gift. Our misconceptions of ourselves, our misunderstandings of our fellows and our inability to comprehend God's plan for the human family frequently render life a failure and leave broken and marred that which should be a receptacle for the fairest flowers.

Here the speaker is invited to deliver an address or eulogy and rest of the arranged program (which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, etc.) is carried out.

Closing

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, in these services has all been done with honor and love and are the names of our absent Brothers once more faithfully inscribed upon our hearts and in our memories?

S. C. R.—Our services have been so marked and faithfully performed. For a short time we have dwelt in communion with the memories of our absent Brothers and have enjoyed holy and happy thoughts.

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, what benefit do we derive from this ceremony?

Lecturer—It gives us a clearer vision and amplifies the true philosophy which teaches us how to live. Too frequently we have the emphasis upon how to die. What the world needs is reasonable living—a proper appreciation of self, a clearer understanding of duty to others and a heightening of faith in God and humanity. We must penetrate the “veil” and mirror the larger life in its continual unfoldings not only through the cycles of time, but through eternity. We must go beyond the “Sunset” and the “Evening Star” if we would appreciate these verities which evidence a larger life, even after death.

Quartette—(*Appropriate selection.*)

C. R.—Our services have been completed. Let our hearts respond to the lessons of today and let us be benefited by these fraternal exercises.

Memorial Services at the Grave

(Decoration Day, May 30th)

Ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Senior Woodward
Junior Woodward
Quartette

SERVICES

On arriving at the grave, the Brothers will form parallel lines; the Chief Ranger at the head, with the Senior Woodward on his right; Sub Chief Ranger at the foot; Junior Woodward on his right; Junior Past Chief Ranger, right center; Lecturer, left center. If members of the family are present, they will be placed at the foot of the grave. Members of the Order will wear a sprig of evergreen, white gloves and official mourning badges.

S.W. C.R.

Jr.P.C.R.

LECTURER



S.C.R. J.W.

C. R.—In conformity with ancient custom, we are assembled on this day to offer a tribute of fraternal affection to the memory of our departed Brother who lies at rest in the grave at our feet. With due respect to the established customs of the country, and with good will to all mankind, we here appear in the character of Foresters to humbly implore the benediction of heaven on all our zealous efforts and ardently pray for our steady perseverance in the discharge of every duty, personal and social. The principle of Sympathy is one of the foundation stones of our Order. Upon Sympathy, as upon a rock, the edifice is built. To Sympathy, our temple is dedicated; and, from the votive altar of that temple, the continual practice of this God-like quality is unceasingly inculcated. Our hearts today are imbued with sympathy, kindness, devotion and fond recollections, and with these attributes as paramount elements, the Senior and Junior Woodwards will proceed to decorate the grave.

This may be done by planting or placing flowers on the grave or by the placing of a grave marker. When the Woodwards finish, they return to their position as shown on the diagram.

Quartette—(Appropriate selection.)

P. C. R.—What, alas, are all the pageantry and appendages of majesty, wealth, power or beauty when nature demands her just debt? Behold a man of the greatest power, whose frown made the world tremble! Attended by a host of faithful guards, and waited on by a troop whose greatest pride is to administer to his pleasure—no one is admitted into his presence but with the strictest caution! Grim death, however, the most unwelcome of attendants, passes the guards without ceremony, enters his presence without formality, and boldly demands that of which he is most tenacious, and insists upon compliance! Not all the legions which were at his beck to unsheathe the sabre at his command can rescue him from the King of Terrors. He resigns his crown, his sceptre, and all the insignia of royalty, and the “place that knew him shall know him no more.” Let us pause for a moment—cast our eyes on the last scene—view life stripped of its ornaments—exposed in its natural state—and we shall then be convinced of the futility of these empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks leveled, and all distinctions swept away.

S. C. R.—As, therefore, life is precarious, and all worldly pursuits empty and vain, let us no longer procrastinate the important concern of preparing for an eternal and unchangeable state—let us embrace the happy moment, while life and opportunity offer, in providing with care and diligence for the great change when the transitory pleasures of this vain and empty world can no longer yield us enjoyment, and nothing but the reflection of a life spent in the exercise of piety and virtue can afford us comfort and consolation.

(Eulogy by someone selected may be delivered here.)

Lecturer—As we close these services, let us resolve to conduct ourselves with propriety upon all occasions and thus adorn our profession by a life becoming our solemn engagements and honorable institution. Let us implore Divine Benediction to enable us to, at all times,

perform our duty ; and, as we leave these sacred grounds and pursue our journey through life, may we derive instructions from the awful solemnity of this occasion and be prepared for the momentous change which awaits us.

Quartette—(*Appropriate selection.*)

(*At the close of the selection, every member will have in his hand a piece of evergreen and be prepared to drop same on the grave.*)

All—(*Dropping evergreen on the grave.*) With the evergreen which is emblematic of our Order, we cover this grave.

C. R.—Death levels all ranks and lays the lowly shepherd's crook beside the kingly sceptre.

All—Amen.

Flag Day Ceremony

(June 14th)

If conducted in meeting room, the officers will occupy their respective stations. If in a hall or place other than a meeting room, the officers will occupy seats in semi-circle on the stage as shown by accompanying diagram.

The ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Necessary Talent

The meeting place should be properly decorated and none but the American flag and colors used. United States regulation flag on staff, supported by stand, should be prominently displayed on the right of stage, or on the floor to the right of Chief Ranger's station, if ceremony is held in regular hall.

CEREMONY

Formation for Public Hall

(Diagram showing a formation for a public hall. On the left, seven 'TRUSTEE' positions are marked with an 'X'. To the right of them are seven other positions: 'J.R.B.', 'J.R.W.', 'LECT.', 'S.C.R.', 'S.R.W.', 'S.R.B.', and another 'TRUSTEE'.)

(Diagram showing the front of the stage. From left to right: 'R.S.' under a 'TABLE', 'SPEAKER' (with an 'X' below it), 'C.R.' under a 'TABLE', 'F.S.' under a 'TABLE', and 'TREAS' under a 'TABLE'.

FRONT OF STAGE

C. R.—★ As members of a truly American fraternity I extend most cordial greetings and ask you to join with us in the spirit of this occasion. We meet in celebration of "Flag Day" to renew our vows of patriotism and to again pledge loyalty and devotion to our country. Unexpected events may retard or advance the nation's growth but the sincerity of a body such as this determines its destiny. Under a broad policy these United States have grown in numbers and in strength. On each Fourth of July, our people meet to celebrate the signing of the "Declaration of Independence"; in their hearts they renew their vows to free institutions, and their voices continue to praise the forefathers whose wisdom, courage and patriotism made it possible for each succeeding generation to repeat the words:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of Liberty,
Of thee I sing."

With the establishment of this Republic came a noble flag and it must have been foreordained that our flag should lead all others in the flight of the centuries. It

was the first flag that was born to represent a people rather than a monarch; the flag that has never known a surrender; the flag that is destined to win the world from wrong and to banish unholy strife. It gleams from housetop and hilltop, from schoolhouse and workshop; from tower and steeple; from mainmast and mizzen; appealing to every noble emotion; shielding every worthy cause; lighting the way of progress across a mighty continent; and spanning the world with a girdle of civilization. We dedicate these services to the honor and glory of our flag and will begin the ceremony by singing the "Star Spangled Banner." ★★★

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.



Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

C. R.—★ Brother Junior Past Chief Ranger, you will oblige by giving us a history of our flag.

P. C. R.—The history of the American flag began with the landing of the Mayflower in 1620. The first colonial flag was known as the “King’s Colors,” combining the red and white crosses of England and Scotland upon an inner field of blue.

During the memorable struggle of the colonists to establish themselves, various attempts were made to evolve a general flag emblematic of their cause, but nothing definite resulted. The animating sentiment of the fathers of the republic was that of freedom, and in support thereof, the word “Liberty” was emblazoned upon many of the flags employed in those early days.

So great was the prejudice against England and the trappings of royalty that the use of the “King’s Colors” became intermittent, and was finally discontinued. Similar prejudice developed against the crimson banner subsequently adopted by the Mother Country and known as the “Cromwell Flag.” In the year 1707 the colonists selected a red flag as their ensign, bearing in the upper corner the green symbol of a pine tree on a white field. This banner was in popular favor for many years, and is thought to have been the one carried by the Americans in the battle of Bunker Hill.

In 1775 a flag was designed for the Continental army and navy, showing thirteen alternate stripes of red and white, corresponding to the number of the colonies, with an azure field in the upper corner bearing the red cross of St. George and the white of St. Andrew. This was the beginning of the flag of stars and stripes. In this form it was hoisted by General George Washington over his headquarters at Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 1, 1776. The same pattern of flag was raised by Lieutenant John Paul Jones on his vessel, the “Alfred,” its first use on a man-of-war.

The right of freedom was proclaimed by the colonists on July 2, 1776, and, two days later, on July 4th, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. In response to the demand for a banner more representative of the aims and ideals of the new country, on July 14, 1777,

Congress declared the national flag to be thirteen stripes, seven red and six white, with thirteen stars in a circle on a blue field.

According to most authorities, the first flag of this description was made by Betsy Ross at her home, No. 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, a building still preserved and pointed out as the birthplace of our national emblem. George Washington, acting as committeeman, submitted the design of the flag to Betsy Ross, and it was upon her suggestion that the stars were made of five points, as in France, instead of six points, as in England. In 1795, after Vermont and Kentucky had been admitted into the Union, two stripes and two stars were added to the flag. The war of 1812 was fought under such a flag, and it remained in this form until July 4, 1818, when the stripes were reduced to the original thirteen, and the stars increased to one for each State.

These changes also brought about a re-arrangement of the stars from the circular to the present group formation. For a time, the constellation was depicted as one large star, thus suggesting the motto, "e pluribus unum"—one formed of many. The red, white and blue colors in the flag were inherited from England and Scotland, and the stripes from Holland. The combination of stripes, colors and stars was an American idea. The red in the flag has been interpreted to mean defiance to all forms of tyranny and oppression; the white is indicative of purity and charity; while the blue represents justice and fidelity. In the American navy, a special flag is displayed during the Sunday religious service—a square pennant of white, charged with a blue cross emblematic of faith; and this is the only flag that is permitted to fly above the stars and stripes within the proper jurisdiction of the American government.

In its present form, thirteen colonial stripes and one star for each State, the flag represents the American nation as it was at its birth, as it is at the present time, and betokens what it may be in the future when other stars have joined the constellation.

(The arranged program of entertainment, which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, speech-making, etc., can be carried out.)

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, what do we seek to convey by these ceremonies?

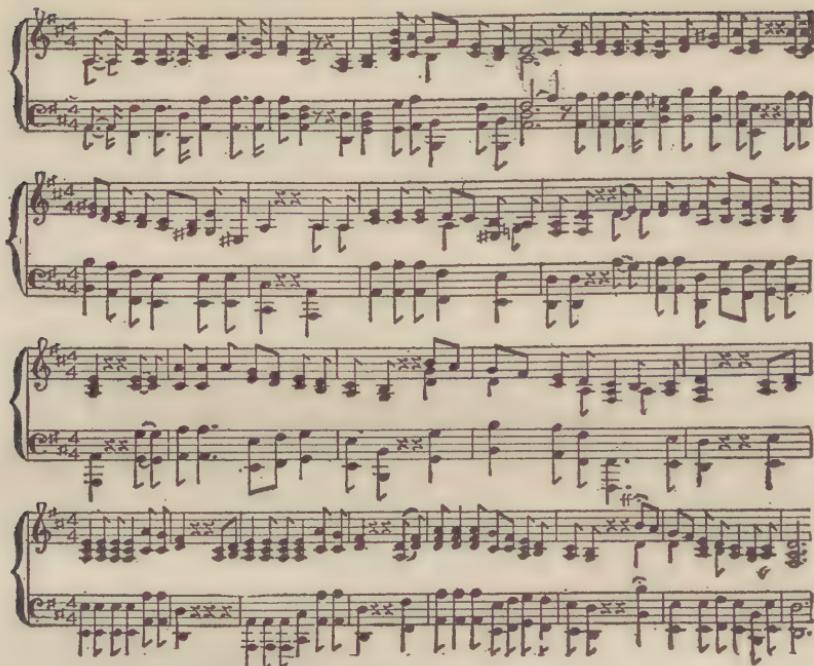
Lecturer—To inspire the present and the coming generations with love for our flag which is interwoven with the dearest memories of our lives and which colors all our friendships with the lasting blue of true fidelity.

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, have you observed any omissions in our ceremonies?

S. C. R.—No, Worthy Chief Ranger, our ceremony has been regulated by patriotism and by all the requirements of the occasion. I sincerely thank our friends and Brothers for honoring us with their presence. I hope they have looked with favor upon our efforts and I trust they will seriously consider the lofty purposes of our Order:

C. R.—As we leave here let us remember that our flag was the flag of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Patrick Henry: the flag of Betsy Ross, whose hands first fashioned it into a robe of glory. The flag that cast its protecting shadow “Where rolls the Oregon”; that blossomed and flamed in the snows of Alaska and anchored upon the island of Hawaii. The same flag that romped with freedom in the bays of Manila and Santiago, and was planted in righteous defense upon the walls of China. It became the chief geographer of the world, the chief pilot of the seas, the chief trail-maker of the forest, the valley and the plain. ★★★ We salute our noble flag (*officers, members and all present salute, in hand fashion*) and again pledge allegiance to the principles for which it stands. We will conclude by singing “Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean.”

COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN.



Oh, Columbia, the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee,
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,
When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
When borne by the red, white and blue,
When borne by the red, white and blue,
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C. R.—★ I thank you for your attendance and declare
the ceremony closed.

Funeral Service

(At the house)

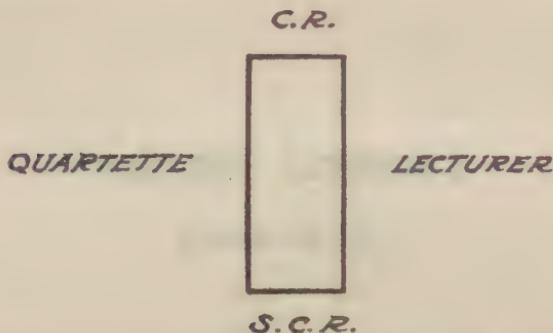
Ceremony will be conducted by:

**Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Quartette**

SERVICES

Each member will wear white gloves and the official mourning badge.

Permission must be obtained from the relatives of the deceased before funeral ceremony is held. Officers will take positions as shown on diagram, with Chief Ranger at head of coffin.



C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, why are we assembled on this occasion?

S. C. R.—To pay the last sad rites to the memory of Brother whose journey with us has ended and who has been called to swell the countless ranks of the “Great Unknown.”

C. R.—While we mourn the loss of our Brother, may we be reminded that we, too, are mortal, and that ere long we also will be called upon to answer the last summons; for, in the departure of him who now lies at rest, we but behold another evidence of the precarious tenure of worldly enjoyments and the transitory existence of all earthly happiness. Our life—like the shadow or a cloud—hath no stay. Generation succeeds generation. After those who have died within this hour shall go all men, as multitudes without number have gone before them. The ceasing of our mortal existence is of momentous interest and of infinite solemnity—the close

of all earthly affairs, the end of all human pursuits, hopes, and aims. For, upon the hour of death hang the issues of eternity.

Quartette—(Appropriate selection.)

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, what lesson do we seek to convey by this service?

Lecturer—While the tear of sympathy manifests our grief for the loss of our Brother, let the exercise of charity be evident in appreciating his merit. No human character, however exalted, is free from blemishes and none so depraved as to be destitute of every virtue. While the invidious look with a malignant eye on the failings of others and with rancorous breath blast the fairy blossoms of humanity, let us act a truly fraternal part in throwing a veil over the foibles of the deceased and not withhold from our memory the encomiums which his virtues justly demand. Let us endeavor to imitate what was laudable in his character and from his weakness derive those lessons of instruction and caution which we all so essentially require.

C. R.—In the period of dissolution, when the din and allurements of this busy world and the manifold concerns of mortal life are banished from the heart and mind, and the soul stands face to face with eternal realities, then the true character of man becomes manifest. May the present example of mortality incite us to a deep consideration of our own approaching death, and animate us to a due preparation for it; and may we so conduct ourselves upon all occasions that we shall adorn our profession by a life and example becoming our solemn obligation and our honorable institution; and let us implore the Divine benediction to assist and enable us to discharge every personal, relative, and social duty, so that we may secure the good will of our fellow men and the approbation of the Divine Ruler of the Universe. Thus pursuing our journey through the “Forests of this life,” we shall meet at last the “Invincible Conqueror,” not with fearful apprehension, but with calm repose and con-

tentment, exclaiming in the language of inspiration, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

S. C. R.—To the relatives and immediate friends of our departed Brother, who are most heart-stricken at the loss we have sustained, we tender our heartfelt sympathy, and would join with them in seeking comfort from Him who alone can give comfort in the hour of sorrow, our Infinite Father, loving and merciful.

(A eulogy by someone selected for that purpose may be delivered.)

Lecturer—The world teems with vicissitudes and the various monuments of the morality which we so frequently behold convince us that death has established his empire over all the works of nature; yet, through the blandishments of worldly pleasures and pursuits, we heedlessly march on amidst dangers and disasters, unmindful of our end as if we conceived all men mortal but ourselves. So strange is our infatuation that, when the design is accomplished which we conceive to be the summit of felicity, we eagerly engage in another pursuit whose prospect of realization so dazzles our weak organs that we forget we are treading the margin of the grave.

Quartette—(*Appropriate selection.*)

C. R.—Write him as "One who loved his fellow men."

All—Amen.

Funeral Service

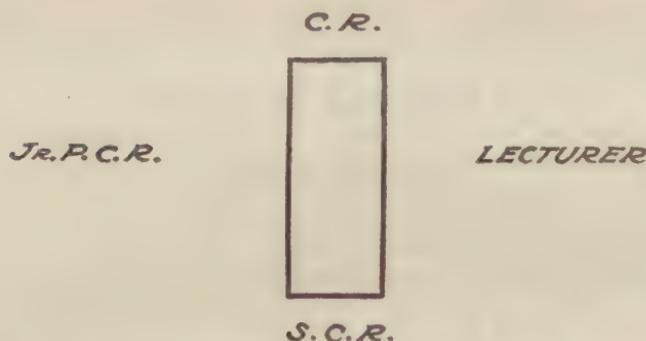
(At the grave)

Ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Quartette

SERVICES

On arriving at the place of interment, the Brothers will form parallel lines, the Chief Ranger at head of grave, Sub Chief Ranger at foot; Junior Past Chief Ranger, right center; Lecturer, left center; other officers and members at either side; the family and other mourners at the foot of the grave. Each member of the Order will wear a sprig of evergreen, white gloves and official mourning badge. When the coffin has been deposited in the grave, the Chief Ranger will proceed as follows:



C. R.—Brother Past Chief Ranger, you will proceed with the opening.

P. C. R.—Brothers, here by the silent dust and the open grave, we are again called upon to affirm our faith in the Almighty, and to manifest our loyalty to one who was a Brother amongst us, but now is called away to that bourne from whence no traveler returns; who has been summoned to that gathering whose numbers are countless as the sands of the sea, and as vast as the leaves in the forest. The mighty and the weak are there; they heed not the voice of the oppressor; there, neither pain nor sickness ever enters; there, the weary are at rest. The Almighty decree has gone forth: "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return!" What a solemn commentary is thus presented of the instability of every human pursuit; the uncertainty of mortal life and the

certainty of death. It is but a span, a heart-beat, a breath, that separates the cradle from the grave. And it is truly written: "In the midst of life we are in death."

Quartette—(Appropriate selection.)

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, what is our purpose in this ceremony?

S. C. R.—The last offices that we pay to the dead are useless except as they contribute lessons to the living. The cold, silent form enclosed in the narrow house before us is alike insensible to our sorrows and our ceremonies. It matters not now to him whether two or three have gathered around the grave to perform these funeral rites, or that hundreds have assembled to give his body a final resting place. It is of little moment where or in what manner his obsequies are performed; whether it be on the lone hillside, with the cold winds chanting his requiem, or whether it be at the costly tomb, accompanied with rare music and the songs of many voices. His spirit has gone to accomplish the destiny of all our race; while his body, in the slumber of the grave, will be resolved into its original elements—earth to earth and dust to dust.

All—Amen.

Lecturer—As it has pleased our wise Creator to remove our worthy Brother from the cares and anxieties of this transitory state of existence, to an eternal and unchangeable one, weakening the chain by which we are linked one to another, may this example of the uncertain tenure of human life regulate our conduct by the dictates of unerring wisdom so that we may enjoy that placid tranquillity which flows from all unsullied conscience.

(Eulogy by someone selected may be delivered here.)

C. R.—In conformity with our usage and with goodwill to all mankind, we are here, in the character of Foresters of America, to offer this last tribute of fraternal affection to our departed Brother, thereby manifesting our sincerity and attesting our attachment to the teachings and principles of our honorable Order. We now consign our

beloved Brother to the grave; and, in his sleep of death, leave him free from all worldly care and anxieties, while we close our final tribute of affection and duty by commanding his spirit to the mercy of Almighty God.

(Chief Ranger will now pause sufficiently to prepare in hand an evergreen, all the members doing likewise and repeating after him:)

All—*(Dropping evergreen on coffin.)* With the evergreen, which is emblematic of our Order, we cover thee.

Quartette—*(Appropriate selection.)*

C. R.—Death levels all ranks and lays the lowly shepherd's crook beside the kingly sceptre.

All—Amen.

Armistice Day Ceremony

(November 11th)

For the Meeting Room or Public Meeting

To be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Necessary Talent

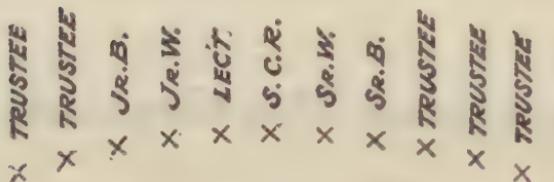
A flag must be placed on staff, at the head of the room or hall, and let hang in natural folds.

Numerals in brackets following the spelling of the amounts are inserted for verification, and are not to be used orally.

Adopted by the Supreme Court in Convention August 22, 1923

CEREMONY

Formation for Public Hall



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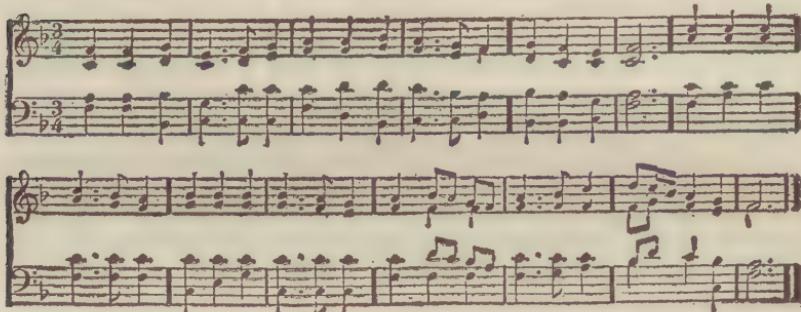
If ceremony is held in meeting room, officers will occupy their regular stations.

C. R.—★ On November 11, 1918, by the final signature to the Armistice Terms, the twenty-seven nations engaged in a great and bloody war agreed to "stop fighting" at eleven o'clock a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year 1918, and to settle their differences in conference at a peace table. That decision was joyfully received and appropriately celebrated by both those in the world's armed service and in civil life. Bulgaria had surrendered on September 29, 1918, and Turkey on October 31, 1918. The Armistice was signed by Austria-Hungary, November 3, 1918; it took effect at three o'clock a.m. (*Central European time*), November 4, 1918. Germany signed at five o'clock a.m., November 11, 1918, taking effect at eleven o'clock a.m. French time, November 11, 1918. The people of our country, patient and patriotic, enlightened by the lessons of our history and clothed in the resplendent robes of constitutional liberty, remembering the woes of war both to the vanquished and the victorious, were at once ready, beneath

the shining folds of our splendid flag, to administer to the suffering and to effectively reconstruct that which had been torn down and destroyed.

We dedicate our ceremony on this occasion to the valor and patriotism of the American manhood and womanhood of our people, and shall begin the service by singing "America." The audience will arise. ★★★

AMERICA



My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongue awake;
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King.

C. R.—★ We will now give attention to our Worthy Past Chief Ranger, Brother who will relate the historical events that led up to the commencement of this great war.

P. C. R.—The celebration of this day is world-wide because it is the anniversary of the close of the greatest war that history has ever known; and it is an important day to the people of our country. It recalls the war itself, and the pretext used for plunging the world into bloody strife. The flame of war was kindled when the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, of Austria, and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were murdered by one Gavril

Prinzen while they were on an official visit to the town of Sarajevo, in Bosnia, on June 28, 1914. Investigations carried on by the Austrian officials led them to the conclusion that the assassination of the Archduke and his wife had been planned at Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia, and that the pistols and bombs used had been smuggled into Bosnia from Serbia with the connivance of the Serbian officials. It was decided at Vienna, then completely under the influence of Berlin, that Serbia should be crushed. Accordingly, on July 23, 1914, the Austrian Government issued an ultimatum which required an answer from Serbia within forty-eight hours. It included ten demands, as follows: "That Serbia should suppress every publication which incited hatred of the dual monarchy; that the Serbian Government dissolve certain societies accused of fomenting propaganda hostile to Austria; that teachers instigating hatred of Austria be dismissed; and that objectionable matter in the text-books be eliminated; that Serbia dismiss from her army and governmental employ all officers and officials found taking part in objectionable propaganda; that Serbia accept the united labor agents of the Austro-Hungarian Government in suppression of the subversive movement against Austria; that Austro-Hungarian representatives be allowed to take part in the investigation of persons accused of complicity in the murder of the Archduke and his wife; that Serbia take action against two specified officials who were accused of complicity in the crime at Sarajevo; that Serbia take effective measures to stop the smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border; and, finally, that Serbia give explanation of the expressions of hostility towards Austria-Hungary on the part of certain high Serbian officials."

Immediately following the publication of the ultimatum the Governments of England, France and Russia, realizing the danger of the situation, asked Austria to give Serbia more time to answer the ultimatum. The request was refused. Sir Edward Gray, acting for England, then asked Serbia to comply with the terms of the ultimatum. This Serbia agreed in the main to do, reserving for herself only such rights as she was entitled to under international law. Austria, however, professed

not to be satisfied because the ultimatum had not been accepted in its entirety, and declared war on Serbia, July 28, 1914. Mobilization by several countries, to war strength, immediately followed, and the world was shocked.

The feuds and intrigues of years had at last borne fruit. Those who were "students of events" knew that when a small nation was to be attacked by a leading power it meant the drawing in of other countries, and the inauguration of a modern war with all its horrors. Combinations were quickly formed—those favoring Serbia were known as the "Allied and Associated Nations," and the other side was called "The Central Powers." Diplomacy was called in to avert the catastrophe. It failed because the war lords thought it was the opportune time to strike. Europe was in eruption, and it meant a struggle to the end. The man-power was called to colors—the war was on, and there was to be ruination and rivers of tears again shed on the altar of ambition.

C. R.—Our Worthy Sub Chief Ranger, Brother , will now inform us of the declarations of war, and the extent of our country's fighting forces.

S. C. R.—The "Central Powers" declared war on the countries of the "Allied and Associated Nations" in the following order: against Serbia, July 28; Russia, August 1; France, August 3; Belgium, August 4; Montenegro, August 9; Japan, August 27; Great Britain, November 23, 1914; Portugal, March 9; and Roumania, August 29, 1916. Belgium was invaded, notwithstanding its protection by solemn treaty rights, immediately after the declaration of war against France.

The twenty-three countries known as the "Allied and Associated Nations" declared war on the "Central Powers" as follows: France, August 3; Great Britain, August 4; Belgium, August 4; Montenegro, August 6; Serbia, August 9; Japan, August 23; Russia, November 3; Portugal, November 23, 1914; Italy, May 23, 1915; San Marino, June 6, 1915; Roumania, August 27, 1916; Greece, November 23, 1916; United States, April 6; Panama, April 7; Cuba, April 7; Siam, July 22; Liberia,

August 4; China, August 14; Brazil, October 26, 1917; Guatemala, April 21; Nicaragua, May 6; Hayti, July 12; and Honduras, July 19, 1918.

It will be observed in this enumeration that the "Central Powers" (*made up of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria*) were fighting twenty-three nations located in both the Old and the New World. This country always sought the paths of peaceful pursuits; but, when compelled to enter the conflict of war, it has emerged from it successfully. The declaration of war, against Germany, by the United States, was made on April 6, 1917, and against Austria on December 7, 1917. Our country did not declare war against Turkey or Bulgaria. May 17, 1917, a little over one month after the declaration of war, the first contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces arrived in France.

Approximately five million, two hundred eleven thousand, nine hundred (5,211,900) individuals served in the United States armed force during the war. Out of this number, two million, fifty-seven thousand, six hundred seventy-five (2,057,675) participants, including thirty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-three (32,133) marines, one thousand, six hundred seventy (1,670) army field clerks, and eight thousand, nine hundred forty (8,940) regular army nurses did over-sea service.

In addition to the militant forces there were three thousand, eight hundred sixty-four (3,864) chapters of the American Red Cross Society throughout the United States with over twenty-two million Red Cross Society members engaged in some part of the war work, of whom nine thousand, two hundred forty-three (9,243) were assigned to over-seas service, and courageously performed their humane and patriotic duties.

The Army records show a strength of four million, six hundred fifty thousand (4,650,000). The number of casualties were three hundred seventeen thousand, three hundred eighty-seven (317,387) divided as follows: killed in action, thirty-six thousand, eight hundred sixteen (36,816); died of wounds received in action, thirteen thousand, seven hundred fifty-six (13,756); died of disease, sixty-two thousand, one hundred six (62,106); died of accident, four thousand, four hundred fifty (4,450);

drowned, seven hundred ten (710) ; suicide, nine hundred seventy (970) ; murder or homicide, three hundred seventeen (317) ; executed, thirty-five (35) ; from other causes, two hundred seventy-seven (277) ; and one hundred ninety-seven thousand, nine hundred fifty (197,950) wounded.

The Navy was five hundred sixty-one thousand, nine hundred (561,900) strong, including the marine corps. Of the sailors, four hundred twenty-two (422) were killed in action; five thousand, six hundred thirty-five (5,635) died of disease; and one thousand, three hundred nine (1,309) died of accident. Three hundred and twenty-two (322) were wounded in action, fifty-eight (58) of whom died, making a total of seven thousand, six hundred eighty-eight (7,688) casualties.

The history of the Marine Corps shows there was a total of thirty-two thousand, one hundred thirty-three (32,133) men. There were twelve thousand, seven hundred twelve (12,712) casualties as follows: one thousand, four hundred fifty (1,450) killed in action; one thousand, seven (1,007) died of wounds; three hundred four (304) died of disease; forty-six (46) died of other causes; seven thousand, eight hundred fifty-six (7,856) were wounded in action; and two thousand, forty-nine (2,049) were gassed.

The Naval war-vessel strength of the United States, during the struggle, was three thousand, two hundred and two (3,202) ships of all kinds, consisting of battleships, armored cruisers, monitors, destroyers, cruisers, torpedo boats, submarines, tenders, gun and patrol boats, mine sweepers, submarine chasers, converted yachts, motor patrol, troop transports, hospital, supply and fuel ships. We lost fifty-six (56) of these ships during the war, fourteen (14) of which were sunk by enemy action.

These statistics show that the total war strength of the United States was five million, two hundred eleven thousand, nine hundred (5,211,900) men. The land forces numbered four million, six hundred fifty thousand (4,650,000) and the sea forces, including the marines, five hundred sixty thousand nine hundred (560,900) men. The number of ships in commission were three thousand, two hundred two (3,202), and there were nine thousand, two hundred forty-three (9,243) Red Cross nurses.

Altogether there were one hundred twenty-nine thousand, six hundred sixty-eight (129,668) deaths from various causes, and two hundred eight thousand, one hundred nineteen (208,119) other casualties, making a total casualty list of three hundred thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred eighty-seven (337,787). This was the price the United States paid, in humanity, for the mad ambition and imperial jealousies of the royal rulers of the people of Europe. It is not possible to chronicle the energy, patriotism, self-sacrifice, tears and anguish of the American people during this war. If an attempt were made to measure it in any form, it would require a labor that would extend into a distant future beyond calculation. We can, however, gratefully offer some measure of tribute to those who shared and sacrificed, and who, with a sense of righteousness, accomplished so great a victory for civilization and humanity, and in behalf of whom we may appropriately repeat the brief and beautiful quotation from the poet who said: (*recite slowly*)

“And though the warrior’s—sun has set,
Its light shall linger round as yet;
Bright—Radiant—Blest.”

C. R.—Our Worthy Lecturer, Brother....., will now tell us of the great sums of money the United States was required to produce for war purposes and necessities.

Lecturer—The gross monetary outlay and obligations incurred in the World War, by the United States, was forty-four billion, one hundred seventy-three million, nine hundred forty-eight thousand, two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$44,173,948,225.00).

This figure includes not only the total military cost but also the extra cost of operating the Government under the war conditions, damage to civilian property, lost shipping, pensions, Red Cross and other contributions, European relief fund, credits extended by the Government itself and by American citizens, and Government loans to European nations. The value of the seized German shipping and other property was two billion three hundred million dollars (\$2,300,000,000.00).

The United States loaned European countries nine billion, seven hundred sixty million dollars (\$9,760,000,000.00), which is included in the gross outlay for war purposes. If we deduct the estimated value of seized German shipping, and other property from our gross financial obligations of the war, we have a net cost to the people of the United States of forty-one billion, eight hundred seventy-three million, nine hundred forty-eight thousand, two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$41,873,948,225.00).

The strictly military cost of the war was twenty-four billion ten million dollars (\$24,010,000,000.00). The total due the United States on account of the loans to European countries, on July 1, 1922, with interest accumulations, amounted to approximately ten billions of dollars, divided as follows: Great Britain, four billion, one hundred sixty-seven million dollars (\$4,167,000,000.00); France, three billion, three hundred fifty-one million dollars (\$3,351,000,000.00); Italy, one billion, six hundred forty-nine million dollars (\$1,649,000,000.00); Belgium, one hundred thirty-six million dollars (\$136,000,000.00); Czecho-Slovakia (*pronounced check-o-sla-vakia*), ninety-two million dollars (\$92,000,000.00); Poland, one hundred thirty-six million dollars (\$136,000,000.00); and the balance by twelve other countries. This vast amount of money, nearly forty-two billions of American dollars, was the American outlay and obligations for war and economic purpose, and the protection of the world's welfare.

NOTE—*The arranged program of entertainment, which may consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, speech-making, etc., may now be carried out.*

C. R.—Worthy Sub Chief Ranger, have you observed any omissions in our ceremony in celebration of the anniversary of Armistice Day?

S. C. R.—Worthy Chief Ranger, our evening has been patriotically observed, and we have appropriately celebrated this historic date. It is true that, during the sad days of the war, our people were depressed; but we have no reason to despair. Life is lived better today than ever before in human history. There is more manhood, there

is more of love; there is more of tenderness; there is more of sweetness; there is more of helpfulness. Too frequently we are prone to see only the shadows; to see only the defects; to see only the shortcomings; to see only the mistakes; to see only the misfortunes; to see only the wrecks. We need go up the mountains a little higher where we can see the beauties which cover the plain; the flowers which are blooming for our refreshment; the strengthening forces which are operating for our betterment; the lights which are thrown out for our guidance; for no matter where we gaze we find man measuring up to the highest conception of true manhood, and women doing their duty in the fullest measure of our highest ideals. This is especially true in America. We have our evils; we have our overhanging dangers; and our threatening menaces; we had a holocaust across the sea, unparalleled in its horrors; a war which shocked every human sense, and seemingly consumed love upon the altar of fire and hate. It is over, and we have our compensation in a nobler and truer manhood and womanhood of America. We can say, with modesty, and yet with pride, in the language of a sweet singer:

American manhood is always there
When the ship goes down, or the bugles blare.
On fields of battle and in the deeps of strife,
There are heroes ready to give their life
To succor others, to help and save
From the leaping flame or the rolling wave.

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, you may proceed with your closing tribute to those who died in the just and sacred cause of our country.

Lecturer—It would be impossible to give full credit to those who served their country and died, but each one, man by man, has won imperishable praise, each has gained a glorious grave—not that sepulcher of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined; remembrance that will live on the lips, that will blossom in the deeds of their countrymen the world over.

For the whole earth is the sepulcher of heroes; monuments may rise and tablets be set up to them in their own land, but on far off shores there is an abiding memo-

rial that no pen or chisel has traced; it is graven not on stone or brass but on the living heart of humanity.

Take these men, then, for your example. Like them, remember that prosperity can be only for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.

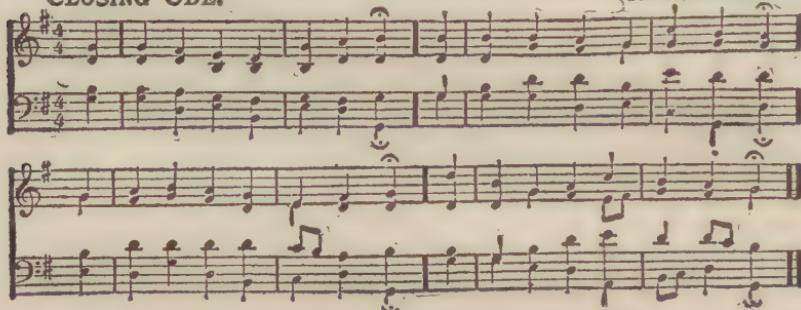
C. R.—In closing these exercises, surely I can safely say that we have been benefited, and leave this assembly stronger in our devotion to the United States of America. You will please arise ★★★ bring your right hand to a military salute, gaze steadily on the flag at the head of the room, and repeat after me in unison our Pledge of Allegiance.

All—(*Following the Chief Ranger.*) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (*change from military salute and extend open hand to flag, palm up*) and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice to all.

C. R.—We will now sing the closing ode.

CLOSING ODE.

TUNE—Old Hundred.



1
Good night! and may we ever part
In body single, one in heart;
Each holding with integrity,
True principles of Forestry.

2
Good night! and may our spirits rest,
By no unkindly thought oppressed;
But with a happy consciousness,
Of an approving Providence.

C. R.—Permit me to thank you for your attendance, and to declare the meeting closed. ★

CEREMONY FOR CELEBRATING FORESTERS' DAY

(August 15)

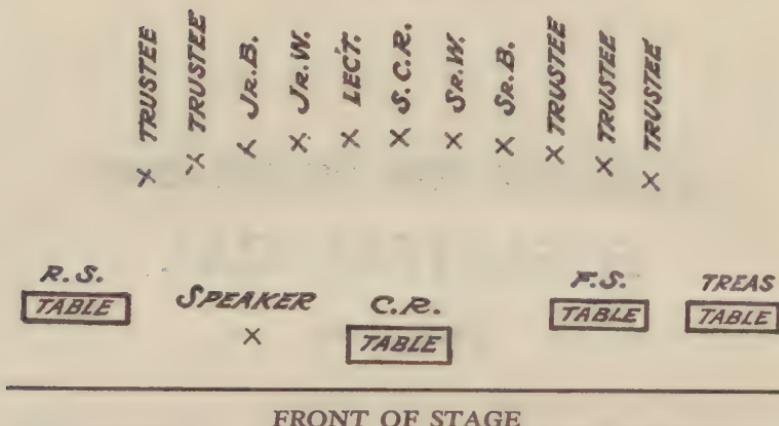
If conducted in meeting room, the officers will occupy their respective stations. If in a hall or place other than a meeting room, the officers will occupy seats in a semi-circle on the stage as shown by accompanying diagram.

Ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Necessary Talent

CEREMONY

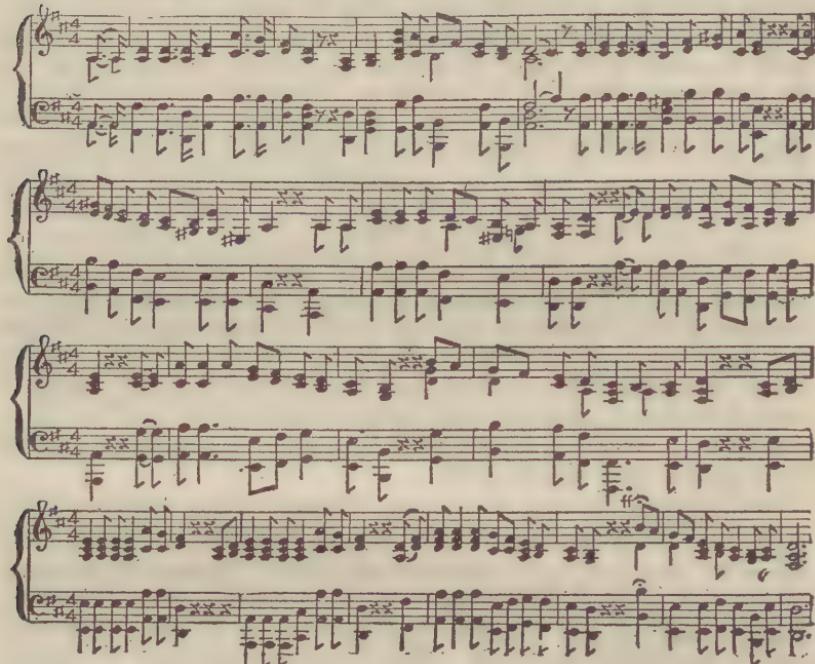
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C. R.—★ It is scarcely possible for a man to be a member of such an Order as ours without deriving for himself individual advantages; advantages not merely of a pecuniary kind but of a moral and intellectual nature; to cultivate the best and most kindly sympathies of our nature; to inculcate brotherly love and render it a rule of life; to foster feelings of compassion for all suffering from affliction and distress; and to develop the heaven-born principle of charity in all the relationships of life, are some of our objects which must surely be accordant with and promotive of the highest morality. The lessons of mutual regard and of social aid which contact with our brotherhood enlighten and benefit society. Geniality and kindness in the Court-room do not degenerate into brutality at home; and the nature which is formed by association and precept to sympathize with suffering and distress can never take delight in or become the cause of pain and anguish. In the work of humanity, our Order is foremost, and we honor its imperishable principles. Today is important to us because it marks the anniversary of our existence as Foresters of

America. We will open our ceremony by singing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and I request that you stand while we sing. ★★★

COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN.



Oh, Columbia, the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee,
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,
When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
When borne by the red, white and blue,
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When borne by the red, white and blue.

C. R.—★ Brother Past Chief Ranger, what is the object of this ceremony?

P. C. R.—We seek on this occasion to do our Order justice, and acquire a knowledge of its history and the noble purposes for which it was instituted.

C. R.—You will proceed with your address.

P. C. R.—Tradition tells us that our Order originally instituted in England, was in existence when the Crusaders crowded upon Palestine and when the wandering minstrel sang of Robin Hood and his merry men. The exact date of its formation will forever remain in obscurity; but, with apparent fairness, its origin may be said to date from the Norman Conquest of England or in the year 1066. The ancient Foresters practiced benevolence and taught unity, concord and constancy, and they were always steadfast and faithful. They fed the flaming spirit of "Liberty" until it burned into the breasts of the people. They stood against the arbitrary rule of the age and for the glorious "Magna Carta," which made the English race freemen. Nearly a thousand years have passed since the Foresters banded themselves together in Sherwood Forest to defend their liberties and to resist the invader. The virtues of their manhood have withstood the assaults of time and stand forth today radiant and immortal. Descended to and embodied in the Foresters of America, they shine a galaxy of truths pointing to a better and nobler life.

The authentic history of the Order begins with the institution of Court No. 1, in Leeds, England, 1790, the records of which are still in existence. It was a serious thing to become a Forester at that time. The Government was not in accord with secret societies and laid heavy hands upon them. The "Correspondence Societies Act" declared that every society of which the members should take an oath or engagement or subscribe to any test or declaration not required or authorized by law, and every society that had branches acting separately from each other, should be deemed unlawful combinations. The "Seditious Meetings Act" declared that certain meetings of more than fifty persons were unlawful if held without notice, and very severe penalties could be imposed. Thus you will observe the early Foresters were restricted almost to discouragement and it is a wonder that the Order survived the vigorous hand of the authorities.

The history of Forestry in the United States, which might be termed its colonial period, begins with the establishment of a Court in Philadelphia in the year 1832.

Another Court was opened in Brooklyn in 1841; in 1843, Forestry was started in New York City; and in Boston, 1847. Up to December 29, 1874, the Order was under the jurisdiction of the High Court of England, on which date, the United States Subsidiary High Court was organized in Brooklyn, N. Y. There were, at that time, in this country, forty-three Courts and two thousand three hundred members.

The 53d convention of the High Court of England held in Glasgow, Scotland, which opened August 1, 1887, enacted the following law:

“That no general law or rule shall be enacted by any Subsidiary High Court or District or Court thereof, to prevent the admittance of any man to membership on account of his color, creed or nationality, and that any existing general law or rule of a Subsidiary High Court or District or Court thereof, which prohibits persons from becoming members of the Order on account of their color, creed or nationality, is hereby deemed invalid.”

This denied the right to continue the word “white” in the constitution as a qualification for membership and was cabled to the Twelfth Session of the Subsidiary High Court of the United States held in Chicago, Ill., which opened August 9, 1887, and was a complete nullification of the resolution adopted at the Convention of the High Court in Leicester, England, in 1886, and in contradiction to the terms of the charter granted to the Subsidiary High Court of the United States which gave that body the right “To make rules and regulations for its own government.” The Chicago convention adopted resolutions of protest, and, in 1888, the Reading Executive Council of the High Court of England issued an answer to the Chicago Declaration, directing the Subsidiary High Court of the United States to expunge the word “white” from its code of laws. Like the colonists fighting against taxation without representation, our Brethren of those days fought “government without liberty” and, at the convention of the Subsidiary High Court, held at Minneapolis, August 15, 1889, the “Forestic Declaration of Independence” was adopted and the Foresters of

America given life as a pure American Fraternal Institution. You observe the history of this Order is like the history of our country; it was established as were the colonies; it grew and prospered as they did; it was imbued with the same love of Liberty and Equality. Under its American Constitution, the fraternity prospered and is now securely established in nearly all the States of the nation. It is constantly increasing in numbers and in strength; wherever you go in the United States, you will find Foresters who, by practicing the principles of our Order, have supplied to the community in which they live better citizens, nobler fathers, brothers and sons, and made happier families.

This is "Foresters' Day" and we hold it sacred because it is the anniversary of our Independence. On this occasion, we renew our allegiance and praise the wisdom of the founders of the Order.

The arranged program of entertainment, which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, speech-making, etc., can be carried out.

C. R.—★ Brother Lecturer, what do we seek to convey by the celebration of this day?

Lecturer—In these ceremonies, we commemorate our "Independence Day" and reaffirm our devotion to the principles that make us one. Our growth cannot be intelligently followed without a glance at the morale and character of our members. Our Order is practical and stands as a stately edifice, towering up in majestic proportions, the wonder and admiration of this community. It is built upon enduring foundations, supported by the four pillars of Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, and cemented together by sympathy, as the keystone of the arch and the centre of the fabric. We seek on this occasion to do honor to our ancient institution, and to impress upon our friends the solidity of our Order, the fraternity we exemplify, and to show that we gather for beneficial purposes, without pretentious display, and earnestly carry out our objects.

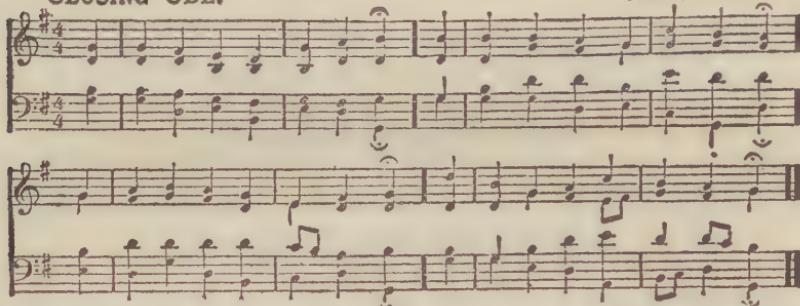
C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, have you observed any omissions in our ceremonies?

S. C. R.—No! Worthy Chief Ranger, our ceremony has been regulated by the requirements of the occasion and, in the name of the members of this Court, I sincerely thank our friends and Brothers for honoring us with their presence. I hope they have looked with favor upon our efforts, and I trust they will seriously consider the lofty purposes of our Order.

C. R.—We will sing our Closing Ode. ★★★

“CLOSING ODE.”

TUNE—Old Hundred.



1
Good night! and may we ever part
In body single, one in heart;
Each holding with integrity,
True principles of Forestry.

2
Good night! and may our spirits rest,
By no unkindly thought oppressed;
But with a happy consciousness,
Of an approving Providence.

C. R.—I thank you for your attendance, and declare the meeting closed. ★

Mothers' Day Ceremony

(Second Sunday in May)

Members will wear white carnations

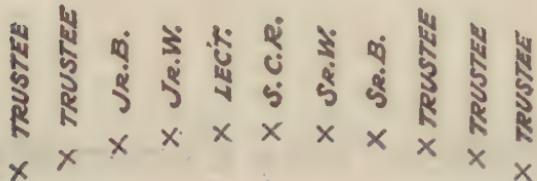
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Ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Junior Past Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Necessary Talent

CEREMONY

Formation for Public Hall



FRONT OF STAGE

C. R.—★ In recent years, there has sprung up in many portions of our land a beautiful custom: that of setting aside one day in the year to be designated as "Mothers' Day." Of the many observances we have, there is probably none that appeals more to the average person than this; and, as long as this nation shall endure, may this custom never die! We meet on this occasion as Foresters of America to celebrate "Mothers' Day." We wear white carnations because of the purity of our love for our Mother. We know that mothers' love is the golden link that binds youth to age: and he is still but a child, however time may have furrowed his cheek or silvered his brow, who can yet receive with softened heart, the fond devotion or the gentle chiding of his mother. We will open our ceremony by singing "Mother," and I request that you stand while we sing: ★★★

MOTHER

A musical score for piano, featuring five staves of music. The first staff uses a treble clef, the second a bass clef, and the third a treble clef. The fourth and fifth staves also use a bass clef. The music consists of various note patterns, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The score is divided into five systems by vertical bar lines.

I've been around the world, you bet, but never went to school,
Hard knocks are all I seem to get, perhaps I've been a fool;
But still, some educated folks, supposed to be so swell,
Would fail, if they were called upon a simple word to spell.
Now if you'd like to put me to a test,
There's one dear name that I can spell the best:

Chorus:

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old;
"T" is for the tears were shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with lovelight shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be.
Put them all together, they spell "M-O-T-H-E-R,"
A word that means the world to me.

C. R.—★ Brother Past Chief Ranger, you will please
briefly explain the origin of Mothers' Day.

P. C. R.—The establishment of this day as one of ceremony is the result of a general desire on the part of the American people to honor their mother and to pay her a tribute of love and respect. It was introduced as a ceremonial day of this great fraternity at the convention of the Supreme Court, held in Detroit, Michigan, August 25, 1911, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“That the Foresters of America designate the second Sunday in May of each year as Mothers’ Day; and that the members of the Order, on that day, wear a white carnation in respect to their mothers.”

The Congress of the United States, by joint resolution, approved by the President, May 8, 1914, officially designated “Mothers’ Day” in the following language:

“Whereas, The service rendered the United States by the American mother is the greatest source of the country’s strength and inspiration; and

“Whereas, We honor ourselves and the Mothers of America when we do anything to give emphasis to the home as the fountain head of the State; and

“Whereas, The American Mother is doing so much for the home, for moral uplift and religion, hence so much for good government and humanity; Therefore, be it

“Resolved, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings; and the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May, as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country;

“That the second Sunday in May shall hereafter be designated and known as Mothers’ Day; and it shall be the duty of the President to request its observance as provided for in this resolution.”

Much has been said and written about Mother. The libraries of the world are full of gems of the various languages dedicated to her devotion. Michelet says, "It is the general rule that all superior men inherit the elements of their superiority from their mothers." To this add the words of Lincoln, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother"; and the tribute of John Quincy Adams, "All that I am, my mother made me." Such acknowledgments can be duplicated over and over again from the literature of all the countries; and the members of our Order, by their presence here, give testimony to those truths.

(The arranged program of entertainment, which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, speech-making, etc., can be carried out.)

C. R.—Brother Lecturer, what was the object in providing, among our ceremonies, the celebration of this day?

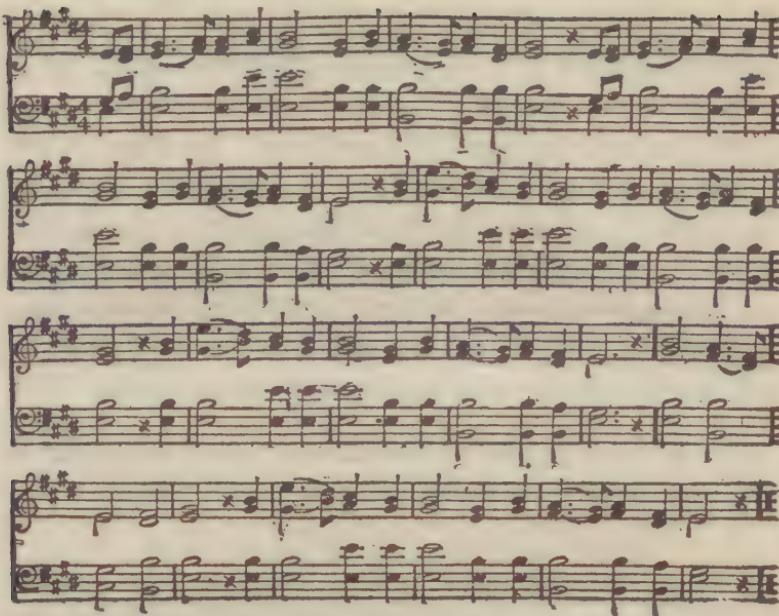
Lecturer—To impress upon our members the duty they owe their mother.

C. R.—★ Brother Sub Chief Ranger, have our ceremonies been conducted in accordance with the spirit and purposes of the occasion?

S. C. R.—They have; and, in the name of the Order, I thank those in attendance and sincerely hope that the lessons of this evening may impress us with a due sense of our duties.

C. R.—We will close our ceremonies by singing "Home, Sweet Home." ★★★

HOME, SWEET HOME.



'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek thro' the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
There's no place like home,
Oh, there's no place like home.

C. R.—I thank you for your attendance and declare
the meeting closed. ★

Arbor Day Ceremony

for the

Meeting Room or Public Hall

(Date Set by States)

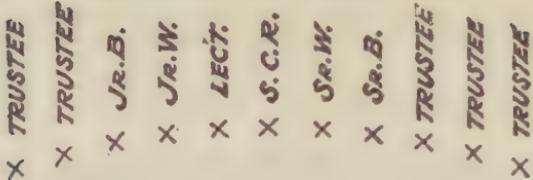
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Lecturer
Necessary Talent

CEREMONY

Formation for Public Hall



R.S.

TABLE

SPEAKER

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C.R.

TABLE

F.S.

TABLE

TREAS

TABLE

FRONT OF STAGE

C. R.—★ As members of the Foresters of America we are here to celebrate Arbor Day and I extend fraternal greetings to you who join with us on this occasion. We will commence the ceremony by singing, "The Star Spangled Banner," and I request that you stand while we sing. ★★★

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

A page from a musical score featuring three staves of music. The top staff uses a soprano C-clef, the middle staff an alto F-clef, and the bottom staff a bass G-clef. All staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The music consists of six measures. Measure 1: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs. Measure 2: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs. Measure 3: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs. Measure 4: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs. Measure 5: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs. Measure 6: Soprano has eighth-note pairs, Alto has eighth-note pairs, Bass has eighth-note pairs.

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

C. R.—★ Brother Past Chief Ranger, you will please inform us as to how the ancients regarded the trees and what is the real object of Arbor Day.

P. C. R.—While Arbor Day is of recent origin, festivals in connection with trees date back to the most remote ages. Among almost all the ancient nations trees were considered sacred, and were worshipped with more or less elaborate ceremonies. Probably the earliest record of tree worship is found on the engraved cylinders of Chaldea, which date back to 4000 B. C. Later records are found on the Assyrian monuments, and records show that tree worship existed in Babylonia, Phoenicia and ancient Palestine and Persia. Among the ancient Egyptians, trees were worshipped with sacrifices and elaborate ceremonies. In ancient India, tree worship was common, and the fig tree was held sacred as the "tree of life." The worship of the tree has prevailed, at one time or another, in every country in Europe. Among the northern nations and in ancient Germany, trees were sacred, and many of the religious ceremonies and festivals were connected with trees and were held in the sacred groves. The Druids, in ancient Britain, held their religious ceremonies in the forests, and the oak tree played one of the most prominent parts in their observances. Trees and tree worship played important parts in the religion of Greece and Rome, and classical literature is full of allusions to trees. Tree worship also existed in ancient Mexico and Central America. Practically, all the uncivilized races at the present time indulge in some form of tree worship; and in civilized countries many superstitions and observances connected with trees may be traced back to the customs and beliefs associated with the ancient worship of trees. The present Arbor Day ceremonies, however, differ entirely in origin and spirit from these old customs. While its observance teaches a love

for the beauties of nature, the general spirit of the observance is eminently practical. Almost all our other festivals and holidays celebrate the past. Arbor Day is devoted to something which will be of future use and benefit to the community.

(The arranged program of entertainment, which can consist of appropriate music, singing, recitations, speech-making, etc., can be carried out.)

C. R.—★ Brother Lecturer, what does our Order seek to convey by the celebration of Arbor Day?

Lecturer—This day, to the Foresters of America, is, indeed, of importance because, as an Order, we are connected by tradition to the forest where it is said we had our origin in the early days of the eleventh century. It is, therefore, but natural that this great fraternity should strongly favor and advocate the preservation of the tree and the consequent growth of the forest. We desire to teach the present and coming generations that a community's welfare is greatly advanced by the planting and culture of trees. The forest is nature's fortress and is established and developed by the Creator for the benefit of us—His children. We earnestly entreat you who have, on this occasion, honored us with your presence, to associate yourselves with us in this work so it may be said that together we have benefited the nation.

C. R.—Brother Sub Chief Ranger, have the objects of this service been fully observed?

S. C. R.—They have, Worthy Chief Ranger, and we hope for the perpetuation of the grand purposes for which Arbor Day was established.

C. R.—We will close our services by singing "America." ★★★

AMERICA



My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongue awake;
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King.

C. R.—I ask you to be true and loyal to our principles, and let us renew our pledge to foster Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord amongst membership of this Order and the whole human race. I thank you for your attendance, and declare this meeting closed. ★

Arbor Day

Outside Ceremony

(Date Set by States)

Ceremony will be conducted by:

Chief Ranger
Sub Chief Ranger
Lecturer
Senior Woodward
Junior Woodward
Past Chief Ranger
Senior Beadle
Junior Beadle
Necessary Talent

INSTRUCTIONS

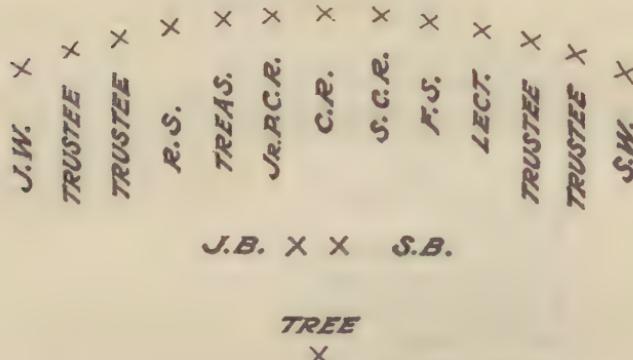
This ceremony is intended for tree planting and should be executed so as to make an impression on the public. The officers and members will wear white gloves. Officers will wear regalia, and members will don the official parade badges.

Those taking part will assemble at the appointed time and place and proceed as is herein provided. Drill teams in full uniform are permitted to take part.

The formation should be in a half circle with the Chief Ranger in the center, supported on right and left by the officers and members. The Woodwards should be stationed at both ends of the line.

Preparations must be made in advance so the operations will not be delayed. A United States flag of regulation size on staff should be carried by the Senior and Junior Beadle to the front of the half circle and held by these officers with the staff resting on the ground in front of, but to the right of, the Chief Ranger.

CEREMONY



C. R.—As members of the Foresters of America, we are here to celebrate Arbor Day by the planting of this tree. I extend fraternal greetings and assure you that our Order is not dependent upon mere rites and ceremonies, intended, perhaps, to captivate the imagination, but is based on high and noble principles. It comprehends lessons of ethical importance. Its purpose is to cultivate the sentiment of manhood, and to teach the obligations of man to his fellow-man. It seeks to inspire a love for all that is true and patriotic in life and to fill the hearts with an ardent desire to reach the highest degree of perfection. In these days and times, when man is

directing his greatest energies to the building of colossal fortunes, when the accumulation of wealth is the Alpha and Omega of so many men's lives, and, in the pursuit of which, it is possible that they may ride rough shod over the rights of others, poorer and weaker than they, it is the duty of Orders like ours to teach the lessons of fraternity and the doctrine of the common brotherhood of man. These services are a part of our work and in this tree planting we exemplify the high ideals of our institution. We will commence the ceremony by singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.



Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
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C. R.—The Senior and Junior Woodward will now proceed to plant this tree.

Senior and Junior Woodward do so. After the tree is planted:

Jr. W.—Brother Senior Woodward, what name shall be given this tree?

Sr. W.—We shall name this tree.....

Senior and Junior Woodward now grasp the trunk of the tree and say in unison:

Sr. W. & Jr. W.—I herewith name this tree.....

Senior and Junior Woodward now retire to their former positions at either end of the half circle.

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Dedication
of a
Hall or Meeting Room

Ceremony will be performed by:

Grand Chief Ranger (or Deputy)
Three Grand Heralds
And the necessary Officers of the Court.

CEREMONY

This ceremony may be performed in public or in a Court room with closed doors. If public, all honors should be omitted. If admission be restricted to members of the Order, the Court will first be opened in due form and Beadles stationed at the door. The Grand Court Officers and the Heralds (*at least three*), properly clothed, will form in anteroom as usual, approach the inner door, at which the Grand Herald will give, if public, ★★; if private, ★. Senior Beadle opens wicket.

G. H.—The Grand Chief Ranger and other officers of the Grand Court desire to be admitted for the purpose of dedicating this hall to the uses of the Foresters of America and the diffusion of the principles of Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord.

S. B.—Enter in the name of Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord.

C. R.—★★★★

The Grand Court Officers enter in the order of their titles; the Heralds in the rear. March once around hall and advance to altar; the Heralds taking positions about one pace to the rear. If dedication be public, give military salute; if private, salutation sign.

C. R.—★

Chief Ranger leaves his station, advances, and places keys, title, papers, or leases, upon altar, and steps back about two paces.

C. R.—(*From position on floor facing Grand Chief Ranger.*) Worthy Grand Chief Ranger, the work upon which we have been engaged is now completed, and this hall may be set apart and dedicated to Liberty, to Unity, to Benevolence and to Concord.

G. C. R.—Brothers, I congratulate you upon your enterprise, and commend those principles of economy and indefatigable industry which have wrought out for you this splendid work. I am ready to proceed.

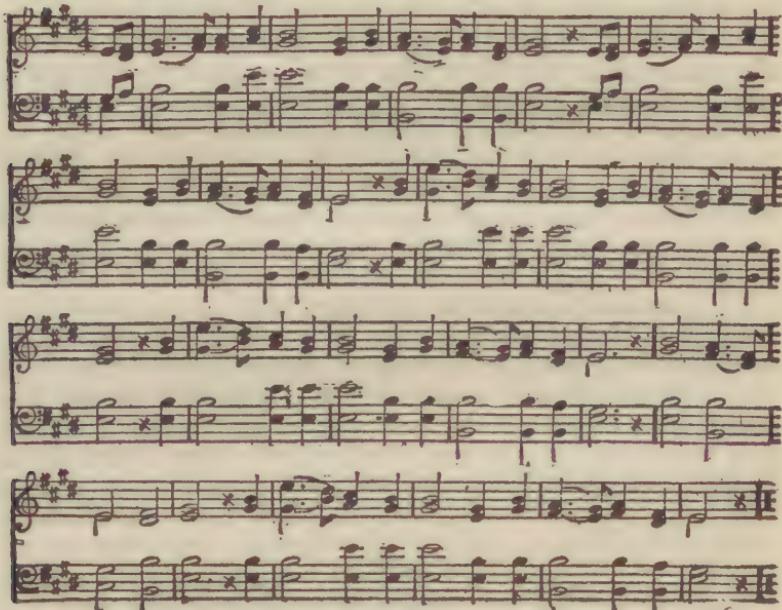
Chief Ranger conducts Grand Chief Ranger to station of Chief Ranger. Chief Ranger stands at right of Grand Chief Ranger. Heralds and other Grand Officers remain standing at altar.

G. C. R.—★ The Grand Officers will assume their respective stations. (*Grand Officers do so.*) The dedication of a hall to the uses that our watchwords imply should be more than a matter of form. Back of our ceremony is a sentiment with a meaning that is old and deep. The act that tonight renders this hall sacred to those graces of mind and soul which our Order professes, implies that the hearts of men are, after all, the soil in which those graces grow. The dedicated hall or meeting place is an old institution. As a centralizer of thought, a harmonizer of action, a rallying point of inspirational sentiment, there are no human agencies immortalized in history that have done so much to refine and elevate mankind. The savage hordes, that made the cruel history clustering about the basin of the Euphrates, had their dedicated halls; the teeming millions in the weird stories of the valley of the Nile had theirs. But those halls, along with the nightmare gods with which many of them were decorated, have all passed away, and there are few works on the banks of either river that show more than the place of the old dweller's burial, or tell more than the story of his funeral. The first hall ever dedicated, the Temple of Jerusalem, has endured no better than the others. Without sacrilege, it may be said that it seemed to have been built beyond man's reach, and to connect humanity with the God beyond, yet it failed to teach their vital relation. It offered no suggestion to man that, after all, it was his own common, every-day feelings and aspirations that were to lead him to the higher life, if ever he reached it, whether they led him by way of his dedicated temple or not. But a change came; a change that crowned the Acropolis, above the city of Athens, with a glory of art that the world has never approximated. The Greek loved liberty and adored benevolence, and a single act of outraged hospitality furnished Homer with a theme for the Iliad and Odyssey, those grand epics that are unapproached and unapproachable. Sappho, whose sex Greece had raised to something of the position that the mothers and wives of men should fill, poured out her soul to love and conjugal affection; and Phidias and Praxiteles, catching the inspiration, led the sculptors into those God-like inspirations that have filled the world's museums with their most precious treasures, and yet

have left the story of Greece still intact in the grand ruins of the Acropolis. The reason for their lasting fame is this: their halls were dedicated to human graces; they made the human form their model, human passion their theme, and the human home and country, for time and for eternity, their ultimate object and design. They enthralled the ages because they lifted man's present world into a brighter light and glorified his prospective heaven with the smiles and voices of his own dead. May the graces of mind and soul to which we dedicate this hall make their impression upon you, and inspire you with a proper appreciation of their vital influence upon the present and future welfare of man!

G. C. R.—★★★ We will sing the first verse of "Home, Sweet Home."

HOME, SWEET HOME.



'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek thro' the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
There's no place like home,
Oh, there's no place like home.

When the singing is completed, the Heralds will advance to a position in front of, and about two feet from, Grand Chief Ranger.

Grand Chief Ranger will hand to one Herald an American flag, to one a ring and to another a cup of water. The Woodwards will advance to altar and arrange on it the Charter of Court, held in place with crossed sabres.

G. C. R.—★ Brothers, you will be attentive while our Heralds, according to the solemn rites of our Order, dedicate this hall. Brother Heralds, proceed to the performance of your duties.

Heralds advance to altar and take positions in a semi-circle facing Grand Chief Ranger.

First Herald—In the name of Liberty, I unfurl the Stars and Stripes, emblem of the freedom of humanity, and dedicate this hall to the practice of those principles which preserve Liberty to man.

G. C. R.—Remember, Brothers, that the price of Liberty is eternal vigilance, and he who loves Liberty renders cheerfully unto every man the rights which he himself claims.

Second Herald—In the name of Benevolence, I dedicate this hall (*drops a small quantity of water on floor*). As this water, descending from heaven, falls alike upon the just and unjust, so should our Benevolence, bursting the bounds of these walls, succor and relieve the suffering of our Brotherhood wherever found.

G. C. R.—For your bounty, let there be no winter; for your kindly administrations to your Brothers, no autumn; but to the home of the suffering bring sunshine, and to the heart bowed down with grief, the inspiration of hopeful, helpful words. May your every act and deed be to the glory and prosperity of our Order, and may your charity do you honor forever more.

All—So let it be.

Third Herald—In the name of Unity and Concord, I dedicate this hall to one law, one fraternity, and one destiny. Like this ring, our fraternal circle is complete.

“Our Union is river, lake, ocean and sky;
Man breaks not the medal when God cuts the die.”

G. C. R.—Brothers, if we are united, our society must flourish. Let us continue in peace and good fellowship, united in the same grand design. Let us be happy ourselves and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others.

All—Let us so strive.

G. C. R.—In brotherly love let us all abide. No sound should be heard within these walls but the voice of kindness, comfort and encouragement.

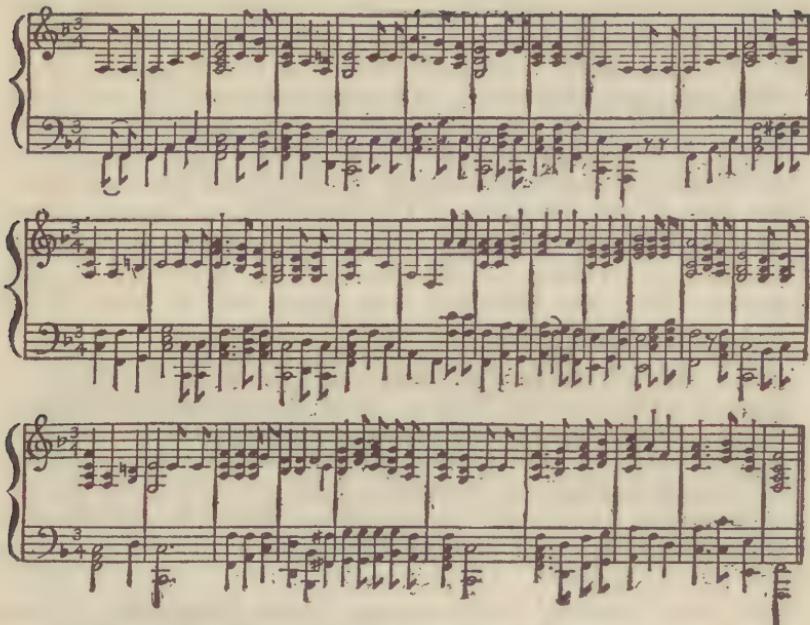
First Herald—In the name of the Foresters of America and in its cause, I dedicate this hall to patriotism, to love of country, to the Stars and Stripes, but, above all, to that brotherhood which we trust shall, in time, bind in the mystic circle of our loved fraternity all the people of every nation and every clime.

Second Herald—I dedicate this hall to the kindly virtues, to peace, to order, to charity, to good-will to all men.

Third Herald—To Concord and Unity, I dedicate this hall. If the Brothers will be united in Concord, energetic in action, and faithful in service, Forestry will extend its boundaries, enlarge its usefulness, and bring to the world peace and good will to all men.

G. C. R.—We will sing the first verse of the “Star Spangled Banner.” ★★★

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.



Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
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G. C. R.—★

(*A program of entertainment may be here provided, consisting of appropriate selections, speeches, etc.*)

G. C. R.—★ Brothers of this Court, this to you is an auspicious moment. Pregnant with all good things, you have but to persevere, labor faithfully, and zealously pursue the way of progress, live as your conscience directs, and soon the songs of Forestry will be heard at every fireside. May wisdom be in all your doings, and may the beauty of harmony and holiness shine out in all your actions! To you is committed the honor of Forestry. If you be false to your obligations, untrue to your duty, Forestry will become a reproach; but, if harmony, virtue, love, and truth rule your conduct, peaceful joy will reign

in your hearts, and Forestry, crowned by your good deeds, will be honored by all men. May peace ever rest upon this Court; may prosperity mark its progress; may we have the pure teachings of our fraternity always in our minds; may we love and honor one another; and may each so live that we will deserve the affection of our friends, our Brothers, and our neighbors, and above all the commendation of the great Architect of the Universe! May this Court be blessed by the spirit of benevolence, and when the time of our labor is drawing near to an end, and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, may our Brothers say of us, as of old, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

G. C. R.—★ ★ ★ By virtue of the Constitution and General Laws of the Order, I now declare this hall dedicated and set apart for the uses and purposes of the Foresters of America. Herein may the Brothers meet for the dissemination of the principles of Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, to relieve the sick, aid the distressed, and bury the dead. Heaven fires all the faculties with glorious joys. In this quiet retreat is to be cultivated that spirit of Benevolence which befriends and relieves with unhesitating cordiality every Brother who shall need assistance; which says to the widow, "Hope!" and to the orphan, "Rejoice!" Here Concord chastens the spirit, smooths differences, and brings us into the communion of Brotherhood of a common fraternity; here Unity teaches us to pay due deference to our superiors, inspires us to behave with decorum, lest the beauty and harmony of our meeting be broken, and binds us in the mystic chains of sympathy. I hope and trust that the Brothers of this Court and the Brethren of the Order throughout this great nation shall continue upon their luminous course, from triumph to triumph, until at last they meet in joy forevermore before the Grand Chief Ranger of the Universe.

G. C. R.—This hall having been dedicated as is required by the Foresters of America, I now declare the services closed. ★

Floor Plan of Court Room

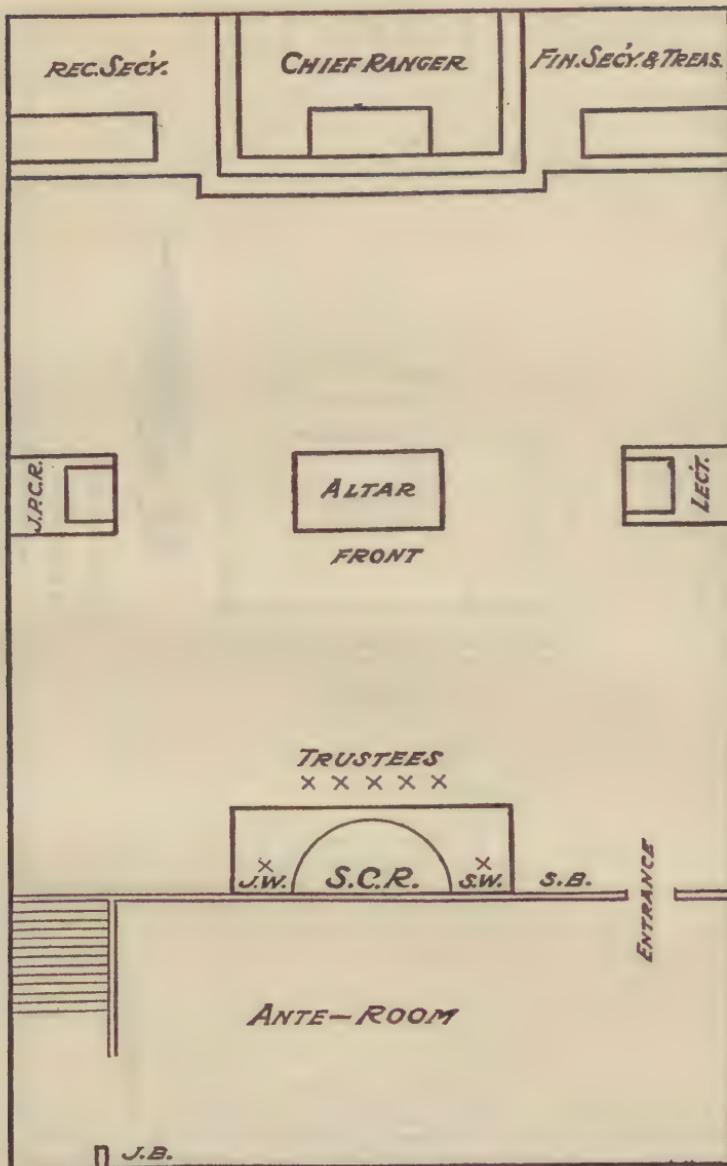


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Position of Flag at Altar

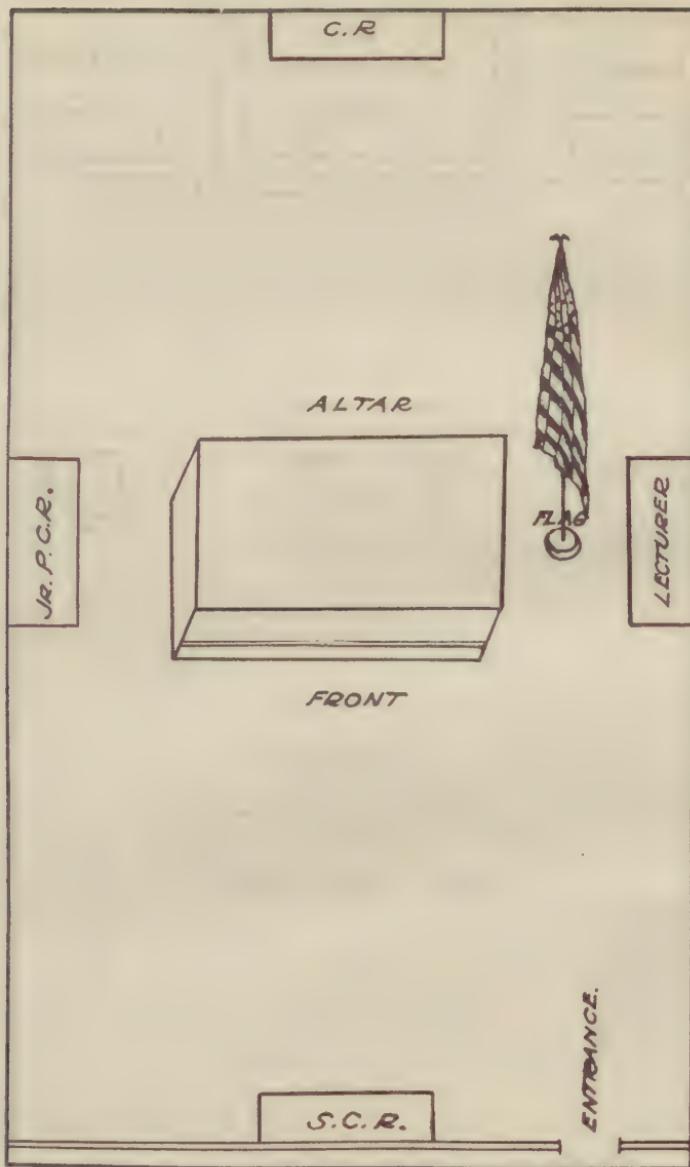


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Entrance, and Capture of Candidate

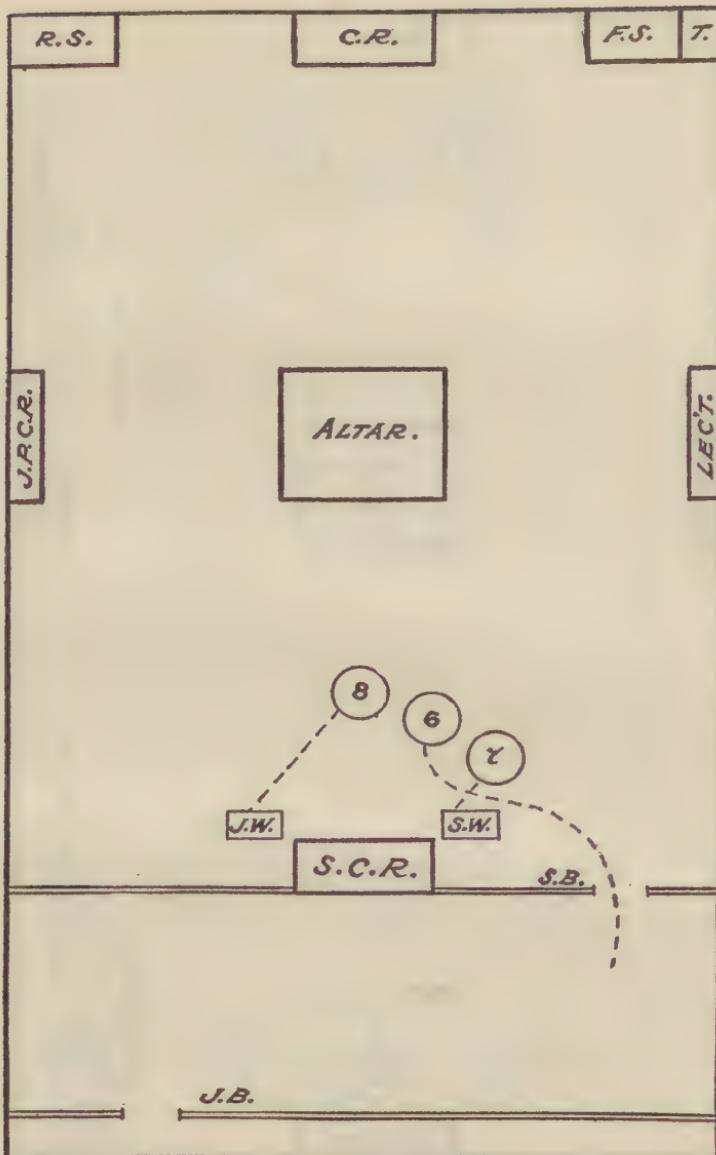


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Formation and March of Guard for Execution

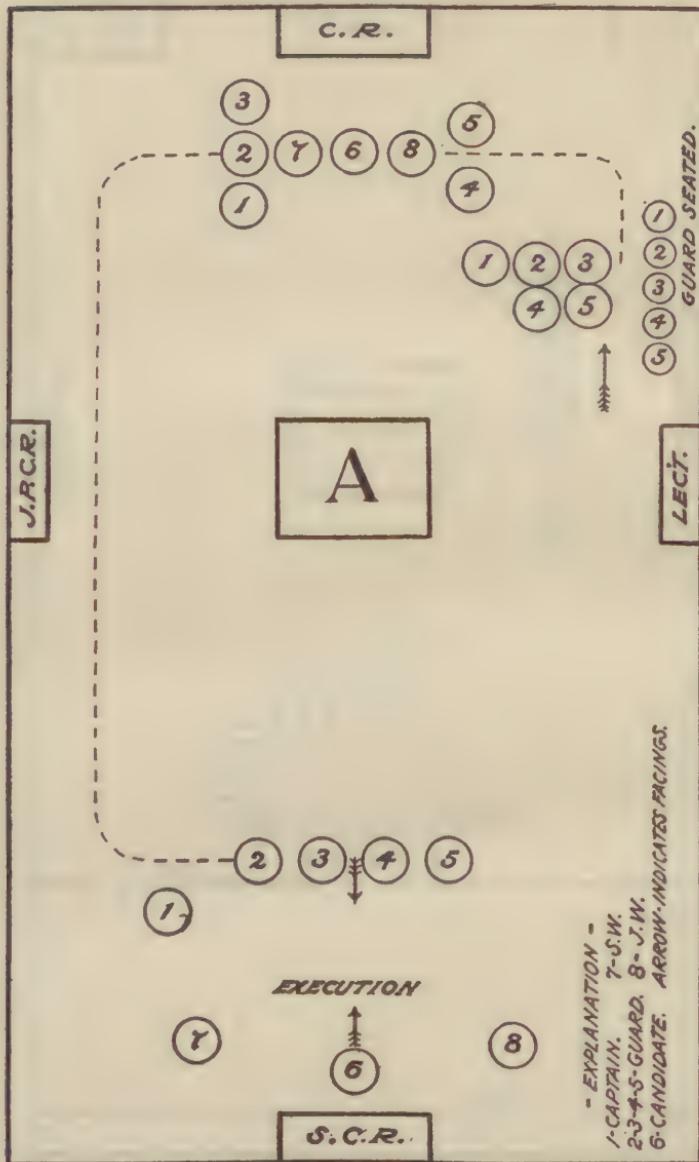


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Return of Guard and Candidate to Chief Ranger

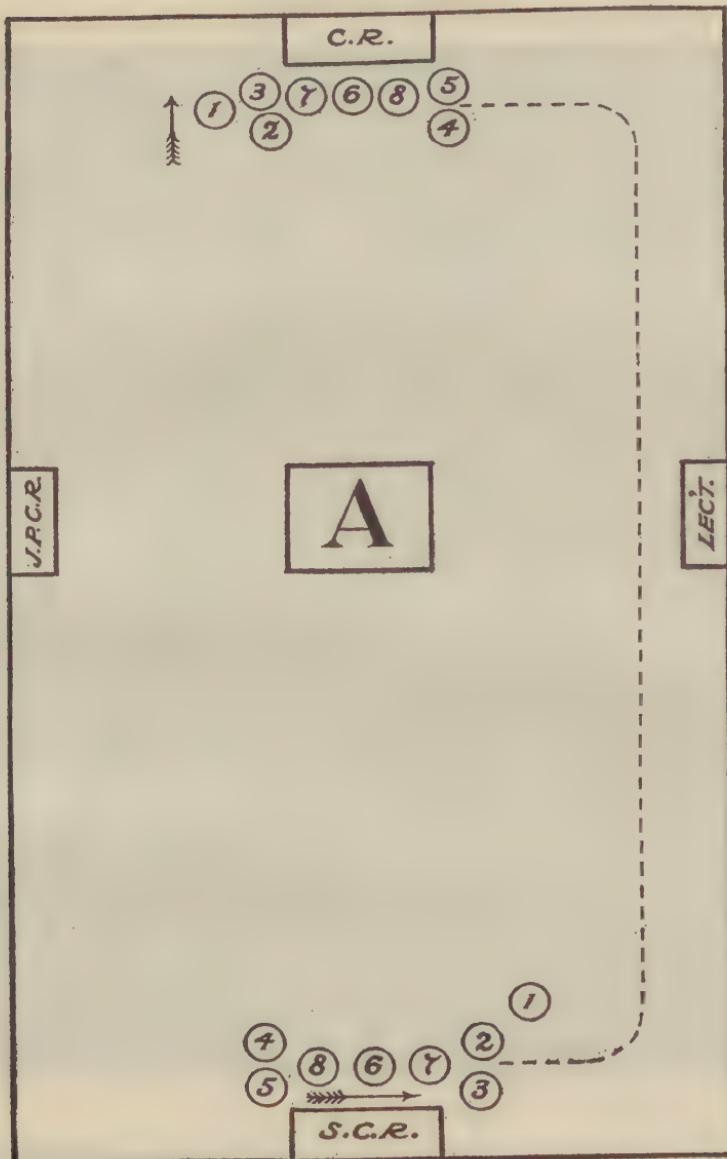


Diagram No. 5

Tableau of Liberty



Diagram No. 6

Position half way between the altar and station of the Sub Chief Ranger.

March to, and Position at the Altar While Candidate Is
Being Obligated

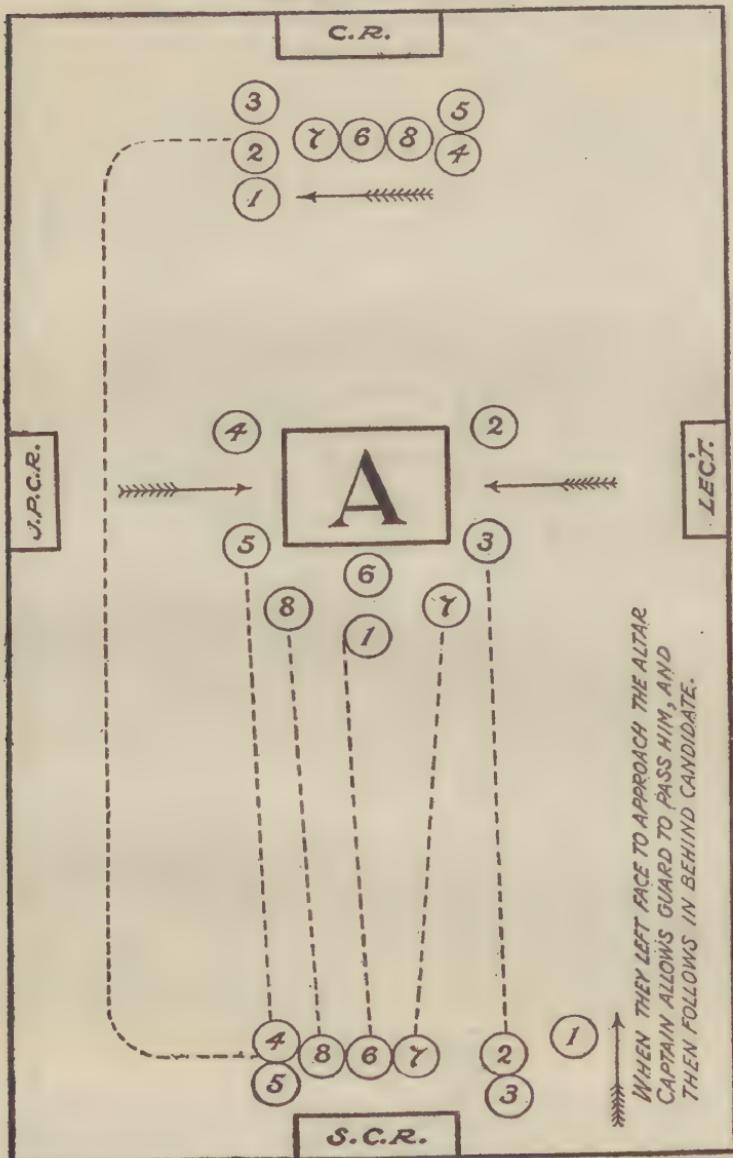


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Dismissal of Guards at Altar After the Candidate Has
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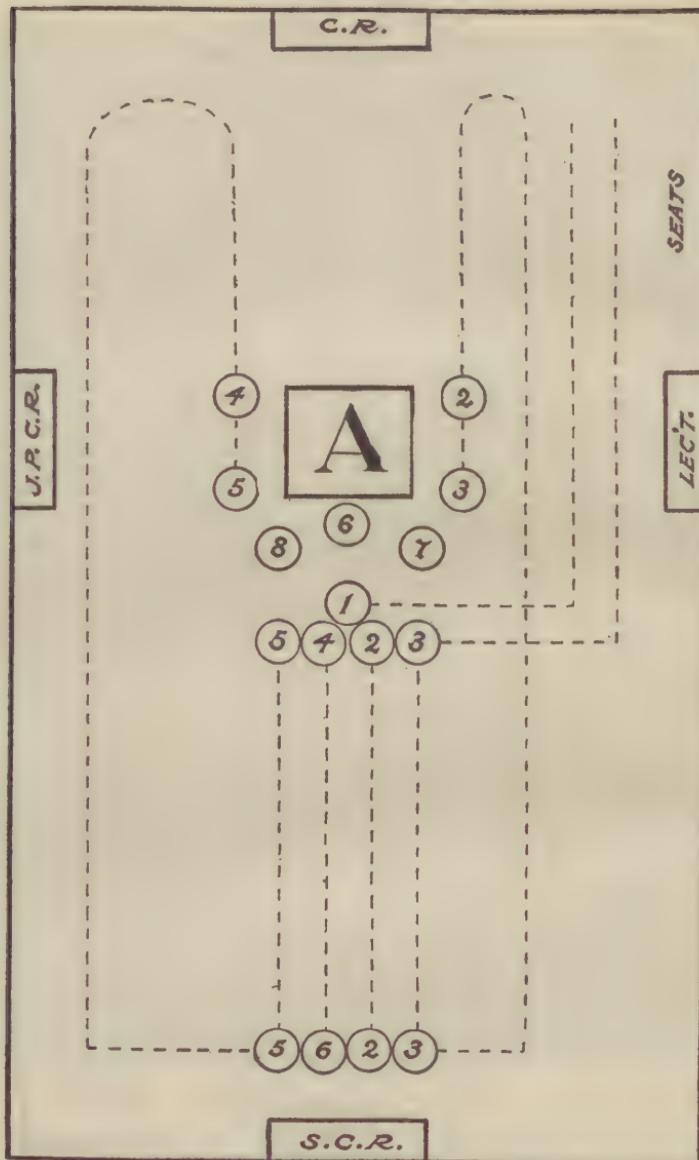


Diagram No. 8

Tableau of Unity



Diagram No. 9

Position half way between the altar and the station of the Chief Ranger. Blue to the right of the Chief Ranger and gray to the left.

Tableau of Benevolence



Diagram No. 10

Position to the right of the Past Chief Ranger's station with head of character on stretcher towards the station of the Sub Chief Ranger; stretcher on an angle of two feet; face of Samaritan and angle of stretcher towards the Lecturer so view will not be obstructed by the altar.

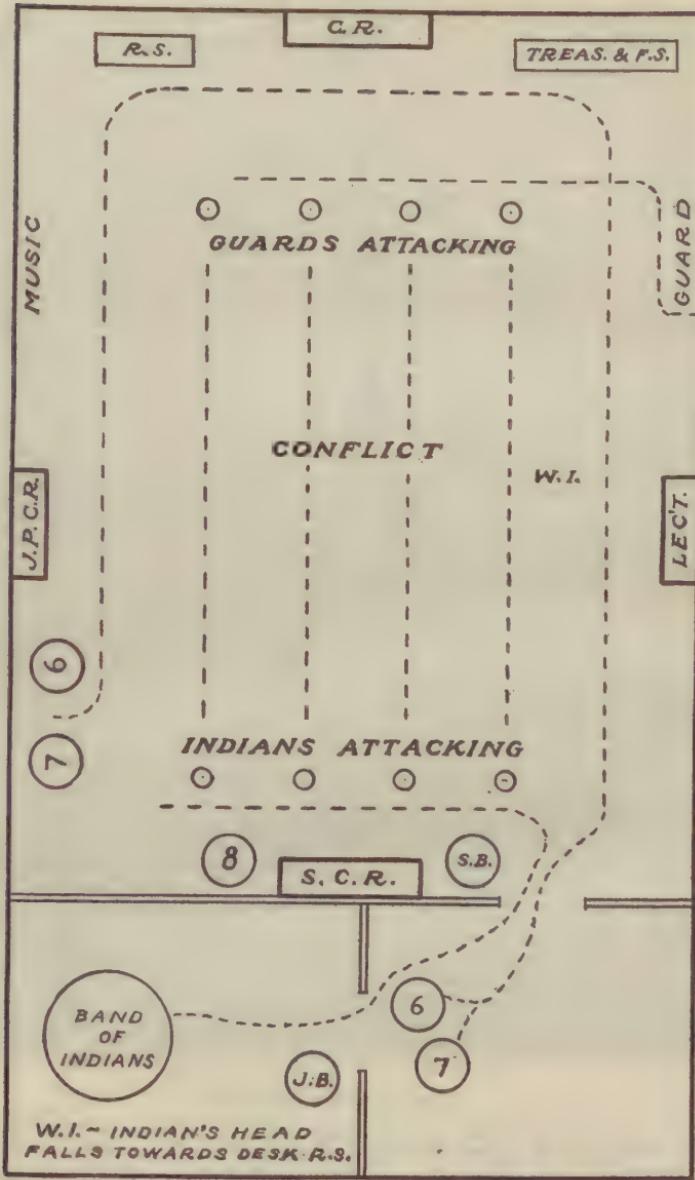
Tableau of Concord



Diagram No. 11

Position half-way between the altar and the station of the Sub Chief Ranger. Blue to the right of the Chief Ranger and gray to the left. Each character will stand about five feet from the flag and directly opposite; side faces of each character towards the Chief Ranger and Sub Chief Ranger respectively, looking *directly* at the flag.

Return of Candidate from Anteroom and Conflict
with Indians



Altar will be removed to make room for the conflict.
Diagram No. 12

Correct Entrance of Members to Meeting While
Court Is in Session

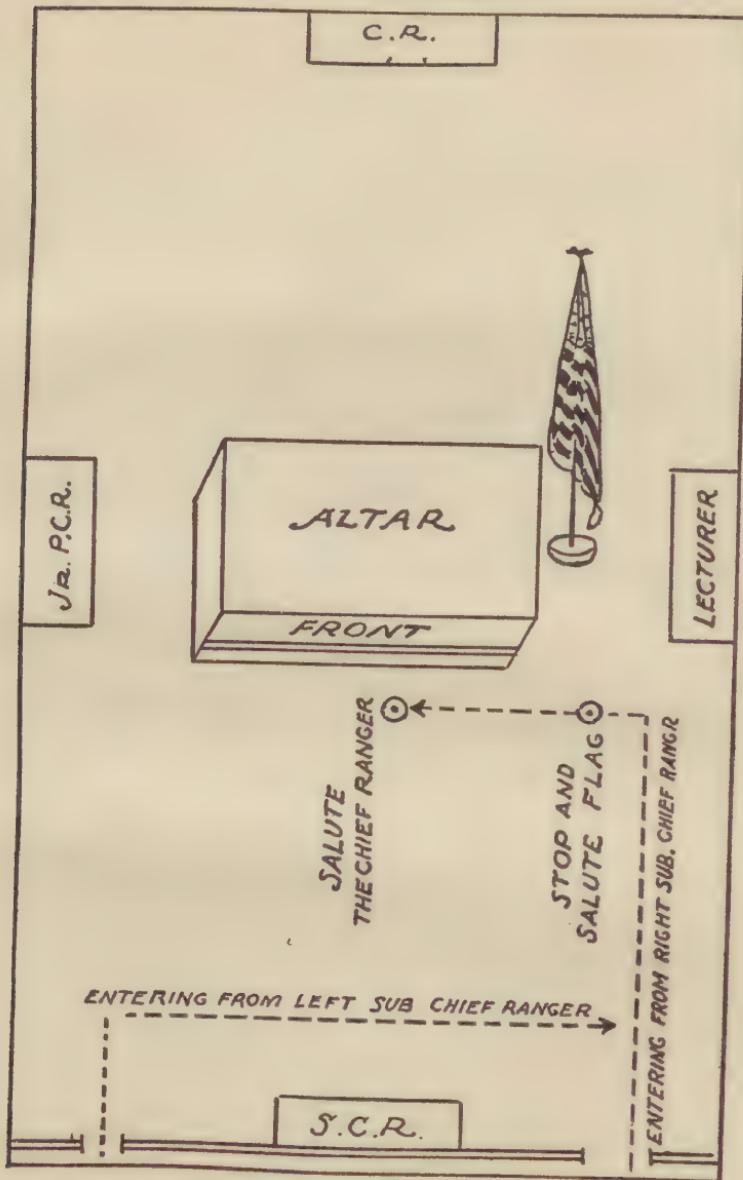


Diagram No. 13

**Formation
for
Church or Memorial Services
and
Schedule of Ceremonies**

FORMATION

The Marshal shall be the Captain of the Guard.

The Marshal shall appoint two assistant Marshals.

The Brothers shall convene at the Court Room, at an hour named, clothed in dark-colored suits, with dark hats, black shoes and white gloves. The Guard shall appear as in initiation ceremony. All shall wear member's regalia.

The march shall be from the Court Room in columns of two, and in the order following:

The Chief Ranger and Junior Past Chief Ranger.

All other officers, except the Beadles, in the order of their rank.

The Guard.

Visiting Brothers.

The Members.

The Beadles.

The Marshal to right, Assistant Marshals to left of column, and as church is entered, Marshals fall to the rear of Beadles.

In this order enter church.

Upon leaving, column retires in reverse order; on sidewalk, column opens, order "Halt!" falls right and left, and officers, members, etc., pass on, countermarch, closing ranks to first formation, then continue to Court Room, and dismiss.

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

In addition to the regular ritualistic provisions this book contains the following detailed ceremonies:

Arbor Day in Public Hall or Meeting Room (*Date set by States*).

Arbor Day (*Outside*), Date set by States.

Armistice Day, November 11th.

Dedication of Hall or Meeting Room.

Funeral Service at the House.

Funeral Service at the Grave.

Flag Day, June 14th.

Foresters' Day, August 15th.

Memorial Service (*Inside*), Second Sunday, October.

Memorial Service (*Cemetery*), First Sunday, June.

Memorial Service (*Cemetery*), May 30th, Decoration Day.

Mothers' Day, Second Sunday, May.

Competitive Degree Team Work

Instructions, Rules and Markings

INSTRUCTIONS

Competing teams will observe the following instructions.

Violation of any of these rules will cost the offending team one point for each time each rule is broken, except Rule "Q." The penalty for violation of Rule "Q" will be five points taken from the total earned by the violating team.

A. The marching diagrams as shown in the ritual are intended as a guide only. They need not be followed hard and fast if the Captain can improve on the movements of his men.

B. Team, including guards, is required to "salute" (that is, by giving the regular Foresters of America salutation sign) on first entry and on final retirement.

C. Guards are supposed to be on duty and are not to wear gloves.

D. Guards are not required to "salute" when they retire with the wounded Indian.

E. Guards need not "salute" when returning after removing wounded Indian. They must come back, however, immediately, in military form, so there will be no lost time.

F. The natural way for Indian movement is in single file, arms folded.

G. Music to be played by the characters of tableau "Spirit of 1776" (Liberty) in the march "once or twice around the room" to be "Yankee Doodle." Music to be continued until characters are in the anteroom and die away as if lost in the distance.

H. Time of work will be taken when the C. R. starts to say, "The Senior Woodward will retire," etc. (Top page 22.)

I. Time for the finish will be taken when the C. R. finishes saying, "The ceremony of initiation," etc. (Top of page 39.)

J. The silent drills will not count. The Captains must issue commands as a military officer does.

K. Bugle must not be used in the anteroom nor shots fired at "burial of Indian." Red fire must not be used during any part of the initiation.

L. In removing wounded Indian he should lay "feet first" on the stretcher and be "carried out" in that position.

M. Exhibition drills will not be permitted either before or after any contest. Each team must enter as provided in Rule

"Q" and proceed at once with the work. When finished the team must immediately retire, in proper form, but without spectacular or exhibition movements or drill.

N. The Junior Woodward in following the instructions of the Chief Ranger to "Proceed with the preparations" need not see that "The Officers are properly robed and at their stations" as it is only a waste of time and accomplishes nothing.

O. So no team shall work at a disadvantage the following rule for entering must be observed. As the team enters C. R. ★★★ The team on being admitted marches twice around the room and assembles under the directions of the captain in front of the altar. The entire team gives the Salutation sign and salutes the flag in the regular Foresteric way. After which, the Captain calls, "Attention!" and under proper commands the team marches around the room. In this last march which is "once around the room" each chair officer, as he reaches his station, assumes same by dropping out of the line and occupying his place but remains standing until seated by the Chief Ranger ★. The Indians continue on and pass out in the ante-room.

P. Tableau of Liberty to be "set up" in a position half way between the altar and station of the Sub Chief Ranger. Unity in a position half way between the altar and the Chief Ranger—blue character to the right, gray to the left of the Chief Ranger. Benevolence, on the floor, in front of but to the right of the Past Chief Ranger's station (so view will not be obstructed by the altar), head of character on stretcher towards station of Sub Chief Ranger, stretcher placed at an angle of about two feet, face of Samaritan and angle of stretcher towards Lecturer. Concord will be exemplified in a position half way between the altar and the Sub Chief Ranger, the characters about five feet each from the flag and directly opposite; blue to the right of the Chief Ranger and gray to the left; side faces of each character towards the Chief Ranger and Sub Chief Ranger respectively. Each character will look directly at the flag. When the Chief Ranger sounds the gavel ★★★, and the characters are in position "saluting," the "Star Spangled Banner" is played and started immediately on the third stroke. No other music or ceremony is permitted. As soon as the "Star Spangled Banner" is finished the Chief Ranger without delay proceeds with his charge "My Brother," etc.

Q. Candidate after being captured will be taken to the Chief Ranger in an orderly manner. Rough work is prohibited. The Woodwards will link arms with him one on each side.

R. Hoodwink will be removed after the candidate answers "It was" when asked by the Chief Ranger if the token was given him by a friend.

S. Competing teams must be equipped with the full official outfit as furnished by the Supreme Court. The Guards and

Indians can be of as many as is desired, providing there are not less than four Guards and a Captain, and three Indians and a Chief; Drum, Fife and Bugle Corps or Bands can be of as many units as Court desires to put in the field. Teams may carry flags and Court standard. There is no official uniform for drum corps or bands. It would look better if the "music" and the "team" were dressed alike, although this is not insisted upon. Teams not officially equipped will not be allowed to compete and must be ruled off the floor by the Judges.

T. The wounded Indian falls at "W. I." in diagram with head towards the station of Recording Secretary which throws the body at an angle.

MARKINGS

The markings will be based on 100 points perfect and divided as below set forth. The penalty, if any, for a violation of the rules will be deducted, in details, from the sum total earned by the offending team.

1. Guards, for military work. Five points perfect.
2. Dress and appearance of Guards. Five points perfect.
3. Chair Officers (P. C. R., C. R., S. C. R., Lecturer, Sr. W., Jr. W., Sr. B., Jr. B.) for rendition and personal appearance. Five points each perfect. Total for Chair Officers—8 officers at 5 points each—**40** points.
4. Tableaux (Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord) for set and lighting. Five points each perfect. Four Tableaux—**20** points.
5. Costume of Tableaux. Five points perfect.
6. Scout Work (Indian). Five points perfect.
7. Dress and appearance of Indians. Five points perfect.
8. Conflict. Five points perfect.
9. Time consumed in doing work (45 minutes is perfect, every five minutes or fraction of five minutes consumed over forty-five minutes will lose to the team one point). Five points perfect.
10. Movements of the team on the floor and entering and retiring in proper form. Five points perfect.

RECAPITULATION OF POINTS

1. Guards (Military Work)	5
2. Dress and Appearance of Guards	5
3. Chair Officers (8 Officers—5 points each).....	40
4. Tableaux (4 Tableaux—5 points each).....	20
5. Costume of Tableaux	5
6. Scout Work (Indian)	5
7. Dress and Appearance of Indians	5
8. Conflict	5
9. Time Consumed (45 minutes is perfect)	5
10. Movement of Entire Team	5
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High Points in Parliamentary Procedure

Essentials { Opening Order of Business Decorum } (If decorum is lacking the meeting is weak)

Motion (which is really a suggestion requires a second) { When made and seconded it becomes a motion When put by the Chair is called a question When adopted it is an order, resolution or vote

Motions Not Debatable

To take from the table
To withdraw a motion
To lay on the table
Previous question
To adjourn
For the reading of papers
Questions relating to priority of business
Objections to the consideration of a question
To reconsider
Question whether subject shall be discussed

Appeal—if on an undebatable question
Suspend the rules
For the orders of the day
That the committee arise
Limit or close debate
Questions of order and decorum
Permission to continue speaking after ruled out of order
To fix time or place to adjourn
—undebatable if another motion is before Assembly

Motions That Cannot Be Amended

Adjourn (except time or place)
Previous question
To postpone indefinitely
To lay on the table
An amendment to an amendment
For the order of the day
To reconsider
Leave to continue after indecorum
Appeals from decisions generally

Objection to consideration of question
Reading of papers
That committee do now arise
Question: Shall subject be discussed?
To suspend the rules
To take from the table
To take question up out of proper order
Motion to withdraw a motion

Motions That Cannot Be Reconsidered

To adjourn
To lay on the table
To reconsider

That the committee arise
To suspend the rules
To take from the table

Motions in Order During Debate

1. To adjourn
2. Postpone indefinitely
3. To lay on the table

4. Postpone to a certain time
5. To amend

Order, Succession and Precedence of Motions

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| 1. Fix time or place of adjournment | 5. Previous question |
| 2. Adjourn | 6. Postpone indefinitely |
| 3. For the order of the day | 7. Postpone to a certain time |
| 4. To lay on the table | 8. To commit |
| | 9. To amend |

**MAIN
QUESTIONS ARE
DIVIDED IN** } **Privileged
Subsidiary
Incidental**

**Privileged Questions Supersede All Other Questions
and Are as Follows:**

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| 1. To fix time or place to adjourn | 4. Questions relating to rights and privileges |
| 2. To adjourn | 5. Calls for the order of the day |
| 3. That the committee arise | |

Subsidiary Questions Relate to Other Motions and Are Applied for the Disposal of the Question

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| 1. To lay on the table | 4. Postpone indefinitely |
| 2. Previous question | 5. To commit |
| 3. Postpone to a certain time | 6. To amend |

Incidental Questions Are Those Which Arise Out of Other Questions—When They Arise Action Upon the Main Question Is Suspended and Cannot Be Again Resumed Until the Question Raised Is Decided. They Are:

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| 1. Questions of order on appeals | 4. For permission to withdraw a motion |
| 2. For the reading of papers | 5. To suspend the rules |
| 3. Objections to the consideration of a question | 6. To amend an amendment |

COMMITTEES } **Whole
Standing
Special**

Committee of the Whole

Composed of the entire assembly. It cannot appoint a sub-committee, cannot adjourn, previous question cannot be moved. All members, including presiding officer, can speak as often as they can obtain floor. The following motions cannot be made: to lay on the table; to postpone indefinitely, or to a certain time, a question of privilege; to reconsider. The same general rules of order and decorum apply, but a "Committee of the Whole" has no power to punish in cases of violation.

Standing Committees

Are those to serve during a specified term. These committees are not discharged until the expiration of their respective terms of service. They do not hold over unless it is so specified in their prescribed duties.

Reports of Committees

A distinction is made between "receiving" and "accepting" a report. An assembly cannot officially know what a report contains until it is received. Receiving a report does not commit the body. Accepting a report is equivalent to its adoption.

Floor

A member arises, and, "Mr. President" (*or correct title*). When recognized by the Chair the member may proceed but not otherwise. He has the right to preface his motion by explanatory remarks, when he so states upon being recognized. A member cannot speak a second time upon the same question, if there be objections, until every member who so desires has had an opportunity to be heard. Presiding officer cannot engage in debate without vacating his station.

Vote to Reconsider

Cushing's Manual provides that a motion to reconsider "may be made by any member." The following motions cannot be reconsidered: to adjourn; to lay on the table; to reconsider; that the committee arise; to suspend the rules. Ritualistic rules of lodges and by-laws regularly approved by a governing body cannot be suspended.

Appeal

When a member desires to appeal from the decision of the Chair he arises, and, if recognized: "Mr. President (*or correct title*). I appeal from the decision of the Chair (*or correct title*)."
The Chair need not ask the Vice President (*or correct title*) to put the appeal—the presiding officer can, if he so desires, put the question. The question is put: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Assembly (*or correct name*)?" If the question under consideration is debatable a member can speak but once. A tie vote sustains the Chair. Vote can be reconsidered at same meeting. When appeal is pending another appeal is not in order. An appeal yields to a privileged question. Chairman has the right, whether appeal is debatable or not, to state his reasons from the chair for his decision. An appeal is not debatable when relating to: violations of rules of debate; indecorum; priority of business; while the "previous question" is pending.

Two-Thirds Vote

It is customary to require a two-thirds vote on the following: to suspend the rules; to take up a question out of its proper

order; previous question; limit or close debate; amendments to by-laws; objections to the consideration of a question (*requires a 2/3 "No" vote to sustain objection*); a special order; to amend the rules; whether subject shall be discussed. The general rule is that to limit or close debate, in any form, or change by-laws, a two-thirds vote is necessary.

Withdrawal of a Motion

It is an accepted theory in parliamentary procedure that a motion properly made becomes the property of its body and cannot be withdrawn by the mover and seconder only by unanimous consent or by a motion to give permission to withdraw which can be adopted by a majority vote and in that event the motion is withdrawn but not otherwise.

Call to Order

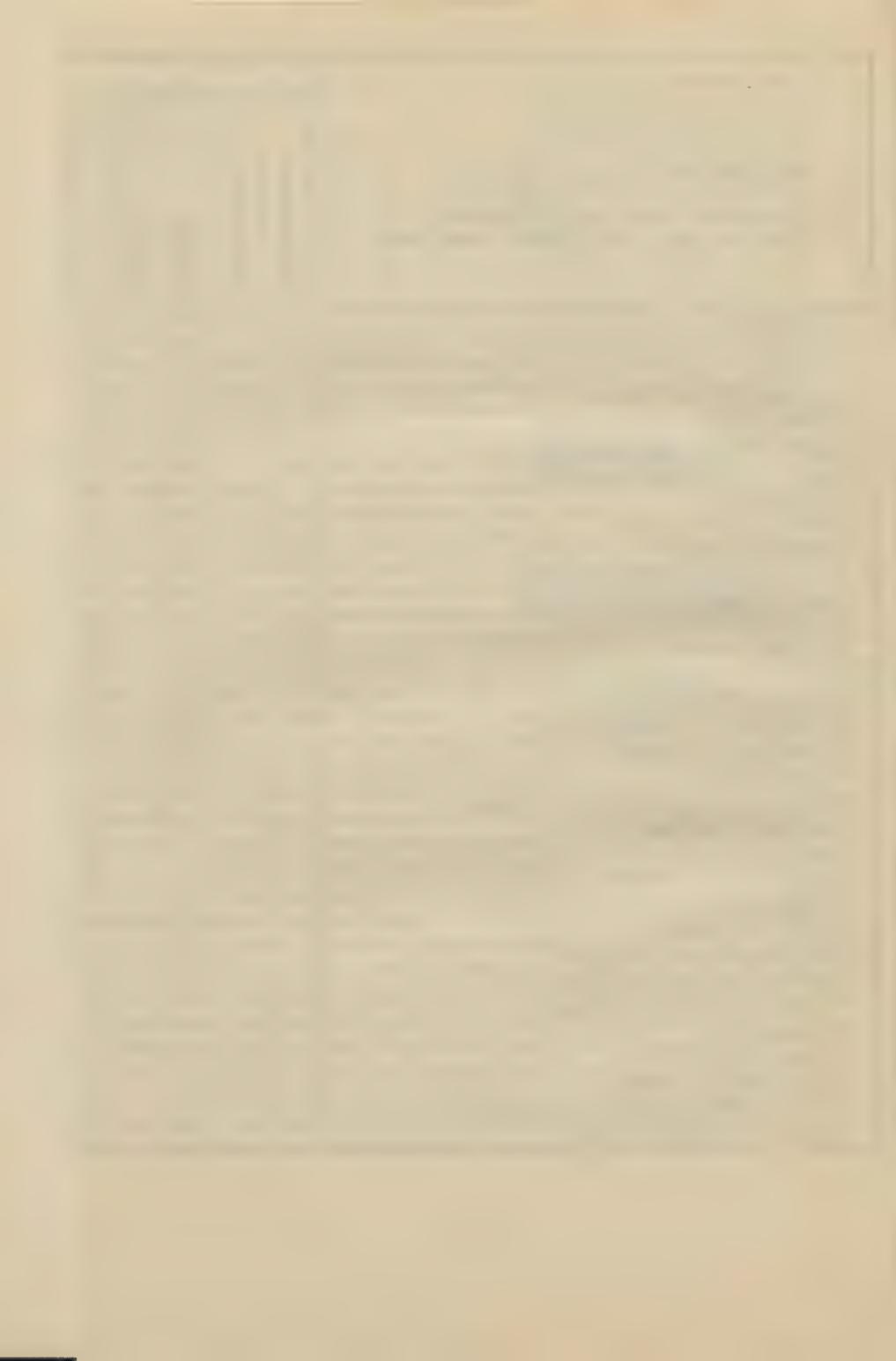
Is in order while a member is speaking, cannot be amended, is not debatable, generally decided by the Chair and is subject to appeal on a motion to permit the speaker to continue notwithstanding he has been declared out of order.

Miscellaneous

A motion to adjourn is never in order in a body operating under a ritualistic "Order of business." The proper motion is that "We proceed to close." In that event the remaining "Orders of business" will be opened and closed in their regular order, and the lodge closed in due and regular form. In an order like the Foresters of America there are no provisions for a "Committee of the Whole." A motion to that effect would not be in order. Following is a recapitulation of "Parliamentary Procedure" deciding 239 questions of parliamentary law which is annexed for the information of the Chief Ranger, Officers and Brethren; to be relied upon for the dispatch of the orderly and regular business of the Court.

RECAPITULATION

- 0—Limits debate on postponement only
- X—Is debatable as to time and place only
- †—Is amendable as to time and place only
- *—Objection must be made before debate begins



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